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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE YEAR 1955

ASSESSORS' OFFICE, CITY HALL ANNEX,  
BOSTON, MASS., January 1, 1956.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,  
*Mayor of the City of Boston.*

SIR,—In accordance with the requirements of the existing ordinance, the Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report for the year 1955:

TAX WARRANTS

State warrants were received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the calendar year 1955, to be payable as of November 20, 1955, as follows:

Audit of Municipal Accounts . . . . .	\$4,260 70
G. L., ch. 44, ss. 41-46A (as amended)	
State Examination of Retirement System . . . . .	12,244 59
G. L., ch. 32, s. 21 (as amended)	
Metropolitan Districts Area:	
Metropolitan Parks . . . . .	1,180,717 55
G. L., ch. 92, ss. 54-59A (as amended)	
Metropolitan Sewerage:	
G. L., ch. 92, ss. 5-8 (as amended)	
North System . . . . .	153,419 55
South System . . . . .	449,790 57
Boston Metropolitan District Expenses . . . . .	2,160 63
Acts of 1929, ch. 383 (as amended)	
Metropolitan Transit Authority:	
Acts of 1947, ch. 544, ss. 8A-13 (as amended)	
Operating Deficiencies . . . . .	4,184,207 52
Debt Retirement . . . . .	516,087 76
<i>Carried forward</i>	<u>\$6,502,888 87</u>

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$6,502,888 87
Smoke Inspection Service . . . . .	16,578 28
Acts of 1954, ch. 672, s. 6	
Youth Service Board . . . . .	61,952 84
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	\$6,581,419 99
Metropolitan Water Tax * . . . . .	3,222,387 52
G. L., ch. 92, s. 26 (as amended)	
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Total . . . . .	<u>\$9,803,807 51</u>

\* The Board of Assessors received this state warrant in accordance with the provisions of chapter 92, General Laws, and all acts in addition and amendment thereto entitled "An Act to Provide for a Metropolitan Water Supply," \$3,222,387.52. This amount was not included in the amount upon which the rate of taxation was based, as the estimated income of the Water Division of the City of Boston was sufficient to meet the expenditure.

### POLL TAX ASSESSMENT

The number of polls recorded for assessment before June 14, 1955, and included in the estimate that determined the rate of taxation for the current year, was 233,347. Under the operation of the law providing for supplementary assessment of omitted male persons liable to assessment, there were added to the list 3,790 polls, making the total number of males assessed, 237,137.

### TAXABLE VALUATIONS

The valuation of the city as of the first day of January, 1955, determined by the assessors July 25, when the rate of taxation for the current year was fixed, was as follows:

Value of land . . . . .	\$539,281,400 00
Value of buildings . . . . .	870,056,500 00
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Total value of real estate . . . . .	\$1,409,337,900 00
Total value of personal estate . . . . .	132,162,100 00
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Total valuation . . . . .	\$1,541,500,000 00
Assessments under the provisions of ss. 75 and 76 of ch. 59, G. L., Real Estate . . . . .	144,600 00
Assessments under the provisions of ss. 75 and 76 of ch. 59, G. L., Personal Estate . . . . .	46,400 00
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The total taxable valuation of the city upon which taxes were assessed for the financial year 1955, when all assessments were made, was . . . . .	<u>\$1,541,691,000 00</u>



## EXEMPT VALUATIONS

<i>Real estate of the United States . . .</i>	\$126,883,100 00
<i>Real estate of the Commonwealth . . .</i>	168,188,000 00
<i>Real estate of the City of Boston . . .</i>	295,121,900 00
<i>Real estate of houses of religious wor- ship (and parsonages) . . .</i>	41,948,300 00
<i>Real estate of charitable, scientific, and literary corporations, including ceme- teries, etc. . . . .</i>	165,661,500 00
<i>Personal property of charitable, scien- tific, and literary corporations esti- mated, tangible . . . . .</i>	29,053,243 66
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Total exempt valuation . . . .	\$826,856,043 66
Grand total valuation as of January 1, 1955 . . .	<u>\$2,368,547,043 66</u>

THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT AND TAXES COMMITTED TO  
THE COLLECTOR

The rate of taxation was determined by the assessors to be 6.98 per cent, or \$69.80 per \$1,000; of this rate \$2.82 was for state, \$2.91 for county, and \$64.07 for the city tax, of which \$15.09 was for schools.

Real and Personal Property Taxes . . . . .	\$107,596,700 00
Real and Personal Property Taxes, Supplementary . . . . .	13,331 80
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Total Property Taxes . . . . .	\$107,610,031 80
Poll Taxes at \$2.00 . . . . .	466,694 00
Poll Taxes, Supplementary . . . . .	7,580 00
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Grand Total Taxes on Property and Polls . . . .	<u>\$108,084,305 80</u>

The collector was also notified that there was due the City of Boston from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of chapter 12, section 12, of Revised Laws, amended chapter 161, Acts of 1903, the sum of \$15,655.59 on account of Chestnut Hill Reservoir. There was due also from the Town of Brookline, under the same provisions of law, the sum of \$224,292.07 on account of Brookline water supply.

In the year 1955 also there was assessed to the Town of Brookline the additional sum of \$1,786.88, being an inheritance by the Town of Brookline for part of the estate, located in the City of Boston, formerly owned by the late Isabel M. Anderson (Pond at Avon).

There was also due under the provisions of chapter 59, section 8, General Laws, the sum of \$13,436.66, being an excise tax on persons owning ships and vessels.

# GAIN AND LOSS, REAL AND PERSONAL, BY WARDS

1955 Compared with 1954

Ward	Real	Personal	Total Real & Personal	Description of Wards by Districts
1.....	Loss \$70,100	Loss \$126,200	Loss \$196,300	Ward 1. East Boston.
2.....	Gain 797,800	Loss 46,500	Gain 751,300	Ward 2. Charlestown.
3.....	Loss 24,699,300	Loss 397,600	Loss 25,096,900	Ward 3. Boston Proper.
4.....	Loss 671,500	Loss 36,200	Loss 707,700	Ward 4. Back Bay, South.
5.....	Loss 3,446,400	Loss 214,900	Loss 3,661,300	Ward 5. Back Bay.
6.....	Loss 2,771,100	Loss 642,600	Loss 3,413,700	Ward 6. South Boston, North.
7.....	Gain 233,900	Loss 26,000	Gain 207,900	Ward 7. South Boston, South.
8.....	Loss 55,000	Loss 108,200	Loss 163,200	Ward 8. Roxbury, East and South.
9.....	Gain 29,300	Loss 38,100	Loss 8,800	Ward 9. Roxbury, Central.
10.....	Gain 509,300	Loss 15,300	Gain 494,000	Ward 10. Roxbury, West.
11.....	Loss 47,700	Loss 29,400	Loss 77,100	Ward 11. Roxbury, South; Eggleston Square and Forest Hills.
12.....	Loss 69,600	Loss 71,400	Loss 141,000	Ward 12. Roxbury, East.
13.....	Gain 323,100	Gain 72,000	Gain 395,100	Ward 13. Dorchester and Savin Hill.
14.....	Loss 375,800	Loss 136,200	Loss 512,000	Ward 14. Dorchester, West.
15.....	Gain 185,800	Loss 43,500	Gain 142,300	Ward 15. Dorchester, North Central.
16.....	Gain 163,900	Loss 58,300	Gain 105,600	Ward 16. Dorchester, South.
17.....	Loss 75,400	Loss 4,800	Loss 80,200	Ward 17. Dorchester Center.
18.....	Gain 2,493,500	Gain 20,400	Gain 2,513,900	Ward 18. Hyde Park and Mattapan.
19.....	Gain 457,000	Loss 34,400	Gain 422,600	Ward 19. Jamaica Plain and Roslindale.
20.....	Gain 1,946,500	Loss 27,400	Gain 1,919,100	Ward 20. West Roxbury and Roslindale.
21.....	Gain 181,400	Loss 183,200	Loss 1,800	Ward 21. Brighton, South.
22.....	Gain 2,036,800	Loss 104,600	Gain 1,932,200	Ward 22. Brighton, North.
Total.....	Net Loss \$22,923,600	Net Loss \$2,252,400	Net Loss \$25,176,000	



## VALUATION, JANUARY 1, 1955

Ward	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total	Polls
1.....	\$42,767,500	\$1,860,600	\$44,628,100	15,325
2.....	34,917,600	687,500	35,605,100	6,831
3.....	413,176,400	85,932,100	499,108,500	16,704
4.....	94,918,000	914,200	95,832,200	10,863
5.....	165,282,300	31,206,300	196,438,600	10,999
6.....	74,436,700	1,362,600	75,799,300	7,896
7.....	26,959,700	523,400	27,483,100	9,637
8.....	28,613,200	1,026,000	29,639,200	7,646
9.....	24,761,200	1,173,500	25,934,700	9,023
10.....	18,623,200	273,300	18,896,500	7,846
11.....	24,542,100	476,800	25,018,900	8,593
12.....	30,349,100	361,500	30,710,600	10,321
13.....	24,125,800	385,500	24,511,300	9,382
14.....	43,696,000	784,200	44,480,200	15,257
15.....	21,174,700	338,400	21,513,100	7,711
16.....	35,081,600	725,800	35,807,400	9,898
17.....	34,562,000	478,300	35,040,300	9,725
18.....	53,950,200	1,397,700	55,347,900	15,638
19.....	33,055,400	486,100	33,541,500	9,183
20.....	58,171,600	479,800	58,651,400	12,624
21.....	75,105,700	606,900	75,712,600	12,049
22.....	51,117,900	681,600	51,799,500	10,196
Totals.....	\$1,409,337,900	\$132,162,100	\$1,541,500,000	233,347

## VALUATION, JANUARY 1, 1954

Ward	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total	Polls
1.....	\$42,837,600	\$1,986,800	\$44,824,400	15,519
2.....	34,119,800	734,000	34,853,800	7,003
3.....	437,875,700	86,329,700	524,205,400	16,976
4.....	95,589,500	950,400	96,539,900	11,125
5.....	168,678,700	31,421,200	200,099,900	11,003
6.....	77,207,800	2,005,200	79,213,000	8,283
7.....	26,725,800	549,400	27,275,200	9,767
8.....	28,668,200	1,134,200	29,802,400	8,027
9.....	24,731,900	1,211,600	25,943,500	9,496
10.....	18,113,900	288,600	18,402,500	7,476
11.....	24,589,800	506,200	25,096,000	8,766
12.....	30,418,700	432,900	30,851,600	10,626
13.....	23,802,700	313,500	24,116,200	8,295
14.....	44,071,800	920,400	44,992,200	15,007
15.....	20,988,900	381,900	21,370,800	7,780
16.....	34,917,700	784,100	35,701,800	10,042
17.....	34,637,400	483,100	35,120,500	9,722
18.....	51,456,700	1,377,300	52,834,000	15,402
19.....	32,598,400	520,500	33,118,900	9,228
20.....	56,225,100	507,200	56,732,300	12,478
21.....	74,924,300	790,100	75,714,400	12,075
22.....	49,081,100	786,200	49,867,300	10,051
Totals.....	\$1,432,261,500	\$134,414,500	\$1,566,676,000	234,147





## DETAIL OF STATE ASSESSMENTS

	1954	1955
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION:		
Maintenance Assessments . . .	\$1,657,604 36	\$1,783,927 67
Boston Arena Authority . . .	130,616 85	—
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY:		
Operating Deficits . . . . .	5,425,606 98	4,184,207 52
Debt Retirement . . . . .	509,649 48	516,087 76
STATE ASSESSMENTS . . . . .	105,982 56	97,197 04
Total . . . . .	\$7,829,460 23	\$6,581,419 99*

\*The above amount, included in detail of state assessments, which was received by the Assessing Department under provisions of law from the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, was used in determining the tax rate. The warrants issued by the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth were received by the Assessing Department on June 1, 1955. The difference is adjusted each succeeding year.



## DETAIL OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

	1955	1954
<b>CITY BUDGET:</b>		
General Government . . . . .	\$5,514,038 24	\$5,302,230 13
Public Safety . . . . .	25,700,306 51	26,042,208 46
Public Works . . . . .	10,484,889 00	10,021,218 67
Health . . . . .	1,846,613 00	1,816,713 07
Hospitals . . . . .	16,582,130 00	15,469,563 00
Public Welfare . . . . .	23,694,676 00	22,863,283 14
Libraries . . . . .	3,253,680 00	3,205,655 00
Parks and Recreation . . . . .	3,427,179 00	3,481,230 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	6,137,069 00	5,098,284 56
Total . . . . .	\$96,640,580 75	\$94,200,386 03
<b>Special (Statutory):</b>		
Debt Service . . . . .	\$6,214,981 99	\$5,915,465 26
Pension Systems . . . . .	2,791,743 26	3,076,764 46
Hurricane Emergency . . . . .	1,003,073 00	—
Overlay Deficit ('54-'53-'52-'51-'50, Funding) . . . . .	7,787,119 42	6,420,042 25
Total . . . . .	\$114,437,498 42	\$109,612,658 00
<b>COUNTY BUDGET:</b>		
General Government . . . . .	\$1,258,781 00	\$1,243,966 17
Correction . . . . .	1,461,410 40	1,430,912 59
Judicial . . . . .	3,676,412 52	3,547,243 72
Medical Examinations . . . . .	75,912 00	75,800 36
Other . . . . .	58,125 00	58,225 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	170,000 00	180,000 00
Special (Statutory—Debt Service) . . . . .	107,771 25	110,508 75
Total . . . . .	\$121,245,910 59	\$116,259,314 59
<b>SCHOOLS:</b>		
Maintenance, Buildings, Excess Appropriations . . . . .	\$28,272,536 96	\$27,330,966 76
Special (Statutory—Debt Service) . . . . .	188,848 75	156,943 75
Total . . . . .	\$149,707,296 30	\$143,747,225 10
<b>STATE:</b>		
Metropolitan District Commission . . . . .	\$1,783,927 67	\$1,788,221 21
Metropolitan Transit Authority . . . . .	4,700,295 28	5,935,256 46
State Assessments . . . . .	97,197 04	105,982 56
Total . . . . .	\$156,288,716 29	\$151,576,685 33
<b>SUMMARY:</b>		
City . . . . .	\$114,437,498 42	\$109,612,658 00
County . . . . .	6,808,412 17	6,646,656 59
Schools . . . . .	28,461,385 71	27,487,910 51
State . . . . .	6,581,419 99	7,829,460 23
Total . . . . .	\$156,288,716 29	\$151,576,685 33

## TWO-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

APPROPRIATIONS AND CHARGES	1955	1954
<b>CITY:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	\$92,260,580 75	\$90,550,386 03
Debt Service.....	6,214,981 99	5,915,465 26
Pension Systems.....	2,791,743 26	3,076,764 46
Non-Contributory Pensions.....	4,380,000 00	3,650,000 00
Hurricane Emergency.....	1,003,073 00	.....
<b>COUNTY:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	6,530,640 92	6,371,147 84
Debt Service.....	107,771 25	110,508 75
Non-Contributory Pensions.....	170,000 00	165,000 00
<b>SCHOOLS:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	22,799,007 19	22,982,853 41
Debt Service.....	188,848 75	156,943 75
School Buildings:		
Alterations and Repairs.....	2,059,305 80	1,967,397 25
Land and Buildings.....	134,775 00	166,490 00
Excess Appropriations.....	3,279,448 97	2,214,226 10
<b>METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION:</b>		
Maintenance Assessments.....	1,783,927 67	1,657,604 36
Boston Arena Authority.....	.....	180,616 85
<b>METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY:</b>		
Operating Deficits.....	4,184,207 52	5,425,606 98
Debt Retirement.....	516,087 76	509,649 48
State Assessments.....	97,197 04	105,982 56
Overlay: 1953 Deficit.....	2,277,439 73	.....
1952 Deficit.....	1,757,528 79	1,287,562 14
1951 Deficit.....	1,066,168 99	1,697,035 31
1950 Deficit.....	685,981 91	1,435,444 80
Funding Account.....	2,000,000 00	2,000,000 00
Total.....	<u>\$156,288,716 29</u>	<u>\$151,576,685 33</u>
<b>REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE:</b>		
City General.....	\$11,969,000 00	\$11,610,800 00
Printing and Rent Board.....	706,000 00	800,000 00
Housing Authority.....	1,020,000 00	1,100,000 00
County.....	950,000 00	900,000 00
Schools—Income.....	1,470,079 87	1,281,592 51
Appropriation Balances.....	128,927 32	665,872 22
<b>STATE REVENUE:</b>		
Income Tax.....	4,733,143 00	4,873,602 99
Corporate Excise Tax.....	5,765,429 00	6,180,209 69
Public Lands.....	194,718 00	189,311 98
Old Age Meals Tax.....	377,620 87	393,700 89
Hurricane Reimbursement.....	1,328,317 00	.....
Aid and Assistance.....	12,400,000 00	12,300,000 00
Courthouse Maintenance.....	228,000 00	175,000 00
School Const. Ch. 645-48.....	130,000 00	85,000 00
Special Classes Ch. 514-54.....	440,000 00	.....
<b>OTHER REVENUE:</b>		
Motor Excise—Current Year.....	4,083,000 00	3,000,000 00
Motor Excise—Prior Years.....	2,108,529 00	1,000,000 00
Parking Meter Receipts.....	397,000 00	441,000 00
Tax Title Loan.....	3,500,000 00	.....
Total.....	<u>\$51,929,764 06</u>	<u>\$44,996,090 28</u>
Net Requirements before Adding Overlay.....	\$104,358,952 23	\$106,580,595 05
Overlay (3%) (4%).....	3,705,947 77	3,242,773 75
Amount to be raised by Taxation on Real and Personal Property (including Polls).....	\$108,064,900 00	\$109,823,368 80
Poll Tax (Less).....	468,200 00	469,384 00
Amount to be raised by Taxation on Real and Personal Property in 1954 and 1955.....	<u>\$107,596,700 00</u>	<u>\$109,353,984 80</u>
Tax Rate.....	<u>\$69 80</u>	<u>\$69 80</u>



**VALUATION OF TAXABLE LAND AND BUILDINGS,  
BY WARDS, 1955**

WARDS	Value Land	Value Buildings	Total Value
1 .....	\$13,312,800	\$29,454,700	\$42,767,500
2 .....	13,820,400	21,097,200	34,917,600
3 .....	219,263,200	193,913,200	413,176,400
4 .....	34,499,900	60,418,100	94,918,000
5 .....	65,731,100	99,501,200	165,232,300
6 .....	32,480,800	41,955,900	74,436,700
7 .....	9,041,600	17,918,100	26,959,700
8 .....	11,588,900	17,024,300	28,613,200
9 .....	12,229,100	12,532,100	24,761,200
10 .....	4,310,300	14,312,900	18,623,200
11 .....	6,534,900	18,007,200	24,542,100
12 .....	8,308,900	22,040,200	30,349,100
13 .....	6,718,800	17,407,000	24,125,800
14 .....	9,724,900	33,971,100	43,696,000
15 .....	4,919,400	16,255,300	21,174,700
16 .....	8,512,600	26,569,000	35,081,600
17 .....	8,815,100	25,746,900	34,562,000
18 .....	13,012,200	40,938,000	53,950,200
19 .....	9,091,800	23,963,600	33,055,400
20 .....	12,060,400	46,111,200	58,171,600
21 .....	22,183,700	52,922,000	75,105,700
22 .....	13,120,600	37,997,300	51,117,900
Totals .....	\$539,281,400	\$870,056,500	\$1,409,337,900

RECAPITULATION OF EXEMPT PROPERTY BY CLAUSES	Area	VALUATION			TANGIBLES ABC Returns
		Land (Ex- clusive of Buildings)	Buildings (Ex- clusive of Land)	Total of Each Parcel of Real Estate	
United States of America . . . . .	Clause 1	\$41,210,400	\$85,672,700	\$126,883,100	—
Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	Clause 2	85,917,900	82,270,100	168,188,000	—
Literary . . . . .	Clause 31	18,639,800	54,849,700	73,489,500	\$17,815,028 31
Benevolent . . . . .	Clause 32	7,614,300	48,614,500	56,228,800	7,860,097 02
Charitable . . . . .	Clause 33	3,792,400	20,265,900	24,058,300	2,617,994 00
Scientific . . . . .	Clause 34	704,800	884,800	1,589,600	230,000 00
Incorporated Temperance Society . . . . .	Clause 35	2,200	3,800	6,000	200 00
Incorporated Organization U.S. Veterans . . . . .	Clause 5	535,100	570,700	1,105,800	60,683 01
Religious Organizations . . . . .	Clause 10	223,600	596,800	820,400	20,900 00
Religious Worship (Churches) . . . . .	Clause 11	13,581,900	27,546,000	41,127,900	246,795 69
Cemeteries . . . . .	Clause 12	4,386,300	475,900	4,862,200	500 00
G. L. 160 Section 87 Railroads . . . . .	Clause 22	613,000	—	613,000	—
Special Clauses 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 . . . . .		2,379,800	972,100	3,351,900	201,045 63
City of Boston Schools . . . . .	Clause A	6,351,000	49,180,700	55,531,700	—
City of Boston Fire . . . . .	Clause B	837,600	3,159,800	3,997,400	—
City of Boston all others . . . . .	Clause C	1,236,200	302,400	1,538,600	—
City of Boston Hall and Annex . . . . .	Clause D	3,625,400	8,402,600	12,028,000	—
City of Boston Parks and Playgrounds . . . . .	Clause F	88,909,700	7,820,200	96,729,900	—
City of Boston Libraries . . . . .	Clause I	2,329,800	3,141,700	5,471,500	—
City of Boston Foreclosures . . . . .	Clause J	2,904,300	821,000	3,725,300	—
City of Boston Housing Authority . . . . .	Clause K	7,906,500	64,016,100	71,922,600	—
City of Boston Health . . . . .	Clause L	659,000	1,743,500	2,402,500	—
City of Boston Hospitals . . . . .	Clause M	1,030,700	10,731,900	11,762,600	—
City of Boston Institutions . . . . .	Clause N	1,635,900	8,465,000	10,100,900	—
City of Boston Police . . . . .	Clause P	830,400	2,969,000	3,799,400	—
City of Boston Printing . . . . .	Clause R	94,200	265,800	360,000	—
City of Boston Public Buildings . . . . .	Clause S	5,275,200	5,116,500	10,391,700	—
City of Boston P. W. D. . . . .	Clause T	2,012,000	2,601,100	4,613,100	—
City of Boston Welfare . . . . .	Clause U	227,700	875,400	1,103,100	—
GRAND TOTAL . . . . .		\$305,467,100	\$492,335,700	\$797,802,800	\$29,053,243 66

RECAPITULATION OF EXEMPT PROPERTY, WARDS 1 TO 22	Area	VALUATION			TANGIBLES ABC Returns
		Land (Ex- clusive of Buildings)	Buildings (Ex- clusive of Land)	Total of Each Parcel of Real Estate	
Ward 1	.	122,978,400	\$43,542,600	\$101,600,000	\$101,625 00
Ward 2	.	13,384,193	20,172,900	48,159,400	396,635 59
Ward 3	.	7,239,796	48,996,400	108,833,500	2,655,516 21
Ward 4	.	10,464,878	22,031,900	75,376,000	18,103,192 95
Ward 5	.	12,773,102	82,491,900	100,605,300	3,156,437 62
Ward 6	.	29,356,696	26,991,000	74,276,600	6,933 32
Ward 7	.	11,006,271	3,768,500	15,037,800	2,500 00
Ward 8	.	5,397,145	4,931,500	24,093,500	320,043 97
Ward 9	.	3,478,398	3,779,200	11,082,600	30,701 00
Ward 10	.	10,424,185	4,304,000	37,846,600	423,845 65
Ward 11	.	5,506,262	2,111,200	8,571,200	121,756 00
Ward 12	.	25,181,326	3,094,200	26,287,400	30,400 60
Ward 13	.	26,423,472	2,926,500	16,132,500	150,107 94
Ward 14	.	16,729,327	2,868,300	11,524,200	30,480 36
Ward 15	.	1,990,985	699,700	2,856,300	—
Ward 16	.	12,778,338	2,507,200	14,785,400	19,322 22
Ward 17	.	7,594,975	1,137,000	7,160,100	748,707 23
Ward 18	.	57,527,236	3,560,300	15,374,900	30,100 00
Ward 19	.	32,753,098	5,450,700	18,838,200	118,852 19
Ward 20	.	51,629,205	5,811,900	12,991,800	42,071 12
Ward 21	.	16,273,696	8,243,100	34,516,500	2,387,545 06
Ward 22	.	20,889,021	60,471,200	26,921,500	176,469 63
TOTALS	.	501,780,005	\$305,467,100	\$797,802,800	\$29,053,243 66



## AGGREGATES OF EXEMPT VALUATIONS

Real Estate Exempted from Taxation in Boston for the Years  
1954 and 1955 by Class of Exemption Shown in Tabulation

CLASS	Year 1955	Year 1954
United States of America . . . . .	\$126,883,100	\$128,979,400
Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	168,188,000	144,940,100
City of Boston . . . . .	295,121,900	296,278,000
Houses of Religious Worship and Religious Organizations . . . . .	41,948,300	40,471,700
All Others. (Includes Literary, Charitable, Benevolent Institutions, and All Other Property Not Separately Listed.) . . . . .	165,661,500	153,683,100
Totals . . . . .	\$797,802,800	\$754,352,300

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX

The motor vehicle excise tax was originally created by the passage of chapter 379 of the Acts of 1928, which law became effective as of January 1, 1929. This act provided that an excise tax should be assessed on all registered motor vehicles, in lieu of the local tax formerly assessed on this class of property. This law, which became chapter 60A of the General Laws, was amended April 23, 1930, by the passage of chapter 244 of the Acts of 1930, and further amended by Acts of 1938, chapter 480. Two recent amendments are contained in the Acts of 1950, chapters 666 and 731.

The tax is levied at an average state rate, and valuations at which these vehicles are assessed are determined by the State Tax Commission and forwarded to assessors of the various cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. All valuations are therefore uniform.

The number of motor vehicles assessed in 1955 was 272,796, of which 71,877 were for the levy year of 1954 committed in 1955. The total amount of the tax levied and warrants sent to the Collector of Taxes was \$8,339,107.75, of which \$1,933,043.00 was for the levy

year of 1954. State rate for 1955 was \$53.37, and for 1954 was \$51.86.

### SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

#### *Street, Sewer and Sidewalk Assessments*

Under the operation of the existing laws the following amounts were added to the tax list and included in warrants sent to the Collector of Taxes:

Assessment under chapter 521, Acts 1902, for "Laying Out and Construction of Highways and Sewerage Works Acts," for street construction, which were divided into ten* equal parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	\$81,753 13
Assessment under chapter 450, Acts of 1889, as amended by chapter 371, Acts 1912, for "Laying Out and Construction of Highways and Sewerage Works Acts," for sewers, which were divided into ten* parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	13,706 21
Assessment under chapter 437, Acts of 1893, as amended by chapter 269, Acts of 1916, "In relation to Sidewalks," which were divided into five† parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	1,892 09
Total . . . . .	<u>\$97,351 43</u>
Assessment under chapter 248, Acts of 1935 (General Laws, chapter 40, sections 42A to 42D), of 1954 Water Liens, added to taxes . . . . .	480,477 09
Grand Total . . . . .	<u><u>\$577,828 52</u></u>

\* May now be apportioned over twenty years, on request.

† Apportionment is over ten years, on request.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The appropriation	\$671,620 72
The expenditures for the financial year for salaries, compensation of assistant assessors, clerk hire, books, stationery and incidentals are as follows:	
A. Personal Service	\$581,243 05
B. Service Other than Personal	42,779 15
C. Equipment	24,371 72
D. Supplies, etc.	4,045 48
F. Miscellaneous	3,748 77
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	656,188 17
Balance unexpended	<hr/>
	\$15,432 55

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND J. BURKE, <i>Chairman,</i>	} <i>Board of</i>
<i>Assessor of Taxes</i>	
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<i>Associate Assessor of Taxes</i>	} <i>Assessors of the</i>
LAWRENCE J. MOORE,	
<i>Associate Assessor of Taxes</i>	} <i>City of Boston</i>

JOHN P. DOHERTY,  
*Executive Secretary*

JEREMIAH A. COAKLEY,  
*Head Administrative Clerk*

HENRY P. IRELAND,  
*Head Clerk*

NOTE:— By virtue of a City Ordinance, effective July 1, 1954, a Board of Review was created within the Assessing Department. The present members for 1955 are:

JOHN J. CHAPMAN, *Chairman*

PHILIP J. CAMERLENGO, *Member*

HUNTINGTON W. FROTHINGHAM, *Member*

*Board of Review*

ABATEMENTS

The amount of abatements on poll and motor vehicle assessments to December 31, 1955, was:

Polls	\$58,004 00
Motor Excise	206,006 42
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Total	\$264,010 42



AVERAGE OF ASSESSORS' VALUATION FOR THREE YEARS\*

In accordance with the requirements of section 4 of chapter 5 of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 and General Laws, chapter 44, section 10, a statement is herewith included of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the City of Boston for each of the preceding three years, the abatements thereon allowed previous to the thirty-first day of December preceding, and the average of such valuations reduced by such abatements.

Year	Valuations	Abatements
1953 . . . . .	\$1,661,864,290	\$97,760,400
1954 . . . . .	1,664,539,070	72,724,700
1955 . . . . .	1,630,967,700	17,378,600
Totals . . . . .	\$4,957,371,060	\$187,863,700
Less Abatements . . . . .	187,863,700	
	\$4,769,507,360	

\* Includes valuation of motor vehicles as provided by chapter 379, Acts of 1928, section 2 (chapter 60A), and as amended by chapter 244, section 3, Acts of 1930.

divided by 3 gives \$1,589,835,787 — average valuation for three years less abatements.

By the provisions of the Acts of 1949, chapter 117, the equivalent of the above valuation for school purposes (excluding motor vehicles) is \$1,497,070,100.

AVERAGE VALUATIONS USED, FINANCIAL YEARS  
1917-18 TO 1955

Financial Year											Basis, Three Years
1917-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,568,290,365 69
1918-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,541,597,610 68
1919-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,518,938,942 75
1920-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,490,343,142 57
1921-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,526,365,954 67
1922-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,557,388,410 46
1923-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,606,575,806 95
1924-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,651,200,431 88
1925-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,720,250,701 60
1926	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,780,945,466 16
1927	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,841,057,566 16
1928	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,882,009,566 67
1929	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,909,255,300 00
1930	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,948,731,046 00
1931	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,973,091,133 33
1932	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,984,506,400 00
1933	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,945,584,733 33
1934	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,843,744,900 00
1935	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,744,959,500 00
1936	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,675,264,600 00
1937	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,631,106,175 00
1938	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,598,902,763 00
1939	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,570,885,561 00
1940	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,543,610,935 00
1941	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,514,947,672 33
1942	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,481,586,003 00
1943	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,460,074,903 00
1944	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,438,927,624 00
1945	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,428,381,963 00
1946	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,436,571,039 00
1947	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,459,013,321 00
1948	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,471,948,589 00
1949	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,500,576,133 00
1950	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,538,774,760 00
1951	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,578,935,227 00
1952	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,583,733,737 00
1953	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,580,293,053 00
1954	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,569,133,815 00
1955	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,589,835,787 00

NOTE.—Commencing 1926 the financial year begins on January 1.

## NUMBER OF PROPERTY ITEMS ASSESSED

WARD	Exempt Real Estate	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Water	Better- ments
1 . . .	263	6,525	611	451	120
2 . . .	501	3,407	336	406	2
3 . . .	494	6,014	6,693	613	5
4 . . .	200	2,536	688	422	1
5 . . .	301	4,038	3,160	384	8
6 . . .	305	4,183	645	452	1
7 . . .	174	3,887	348	329	26
8 . . .	199	2,906	421	474	31
9 . . .	344	3,459	804	937	—
10 . . .	193	2,371	229	364	12
11 . . .	210	3,601	323	543	10
12 . . .	131	3,429	389	983	—
13 . . .	145	3,317	313	353	72
14 . . .	250	4,986	634	489	8
15 . . .	75	3,153	262	329	9
16 . . .	103	5,216	586	398	88
17 . . .	123	4,939	310	398	100
18 . . .	1,056	12,121	548	605	1,038
19 . . .	174	5,030	313	524	171
20 . . .	698	11,534	396	439	936
21 . . .	85	2,703	470	262	9
22 . . .	219	5,441	417	457	141
Totals. .	6,243	104,796	18,896	10,412	2,788
Supplementary .	—	11	10	—	—
Totals .	6,243	104,807	18,906	10,412	2,788



## LIST OF ASSESSORS — 1955

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

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 THOMAS F. GAVIN, *Chief Personal Property Tax Division*  
 JOHN A. SHARKEY, *Senior Appraisal Engineer*

District	Ward	Part	Books	Assistant Assessors	District	Ward	Part	Books	Assistant Assessors
1	1	1	1-2	Paul M. Finan	26	9	2	2	John D. MeLeod
2	1	2	3-4	Herbert A. Ellis	27	10	1	1-2	John T. Finnegan
3	2	1	1-2	Frederiek T. Desmond	28	11	1	1-2	James J. Boyle
4	2	2	3	William P. Driscoll	29	12	1	1-2	William T. Ineh
5	3	1	1	Edward F. Wallae	30	13	1	1-2	John Quiney
6	3	2	2	John M. Lanning	31	14	1	1-2	Timothy J. Callahan
7	3	3	3	George A. Maloney	32	14	2	3-4	Willard F. O'Brien
8	3	4	4	Frank H. Whelan	33	15	1	1-2	M. James Peters
9-10	3	5-6	5-6	George H. Mitchell	34	16	1	1-3	Helen M. Sullivan
11-12	3	7-8	7-8	Warren Freeman, Jr.	35	16	2	2-4	John P. Kenney
13	3	9	9	Adolph H. Brauneis	36	17	1	1-2	John F. Fitzpatrick
14	3	10	10	Frank A. Duggan	37	17	2	3-4	John F. McCarthy
15	3	11	11	John M. MacHugh	38	18	1	1-2-3	Leonard W. Dolan
16	4	1	1	William F. Morrissey	39	18	2	4-5-6	Robert T. Fowler, Jr.
17	4	2	2	John C. Foran, Jr.	40	18	3	7-8-9	Edward J. Carroll
18	5	1	1	James J. Byrne	41	19	1	1-2	Frederiek A. Robinson
19	5	2	2	Norman S. Weinberg	42	19	2	3-4	George D. Leavitt
20	5	3	3	Bernard F. Shadrawy	43	20	1	1-2-3	Albert Soosman
21	6	1	1-2-3	Thomas P. O'Connor	44	20	2	4-5-6	John T. Driscoll
22	6	2	4-5	Emmett J. Kelly	45	20	3	7-8-9	George F. Cronin
23	7	1	1-2	Louis M. Gropman	46	21	1-2	1-2	Warren R. Moore
24	8	1	1-2	Harold L. Vaughan	47	22	1	1-2	Robert E. McGovern
25	9	1	1	James R. Farrell	48	22	2	3-4	John J. Riley, Jr.

VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL ESTATE, TOTAL  
CITY VALUATION AND POLLS 1947-1955

YEAR	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Polls
1947 . .	\$1,410,039,100	\$148,571,800	\$1,558,610,900	260,487
1948 . .	1,441,620,300	140,373,700	1,581,994,000	258,208
1949 . .	1,459,118,000	142,313,500	1,601,431,500	255,225
1950 . .	1,429,900,000	137,600,000	1,567,500,000	254,058
1951 . .	1,433,186,800	137,573,200	1,570,760,000	249,997
1952 . .	1,433,681,500	139,834,500	1,573,516,000	245,355
1953 . .	1,428,187,400	137,478,600	1,565,666,000	240,513
1954 . .	1,432,261,500	134,414,500	1,566,676,000	234,147
1955 . .	1,409,337,900	132,162,100	1,541,500,000	233,347

## TAXES ON PROPERTY — DISTRIBUTION OF TAX RATE

YEAR	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total	RATE PER \$1,000					Total
				State	County	City	General Rate	School Rate	
1950 . . . .	\$90,083,700 00	\$8,668,800 00	\$98,752,500 00	\$2 02	\$3 34	\$41 83	\$47 19	\$15 81	\$63 00
1951 . . . .	90,004,131 04	8,639,596 96	98,643,728 00	1 67	3 89	40 41	45 97	16 83	62 80
1952 . . . .	95,769,924 20	9,340,944 60	105,110,868 80	2 87	2 90	47 94	53 71	13 09	66 80
1953 . . . .	100,972,849 18	9,719,737 02	110,692,586 20	3 49	3 04	51 67	58 20	12 50	70 70
1954 . . . .	99,971,852 70	9,382,132 10	109,353,984 80	3 53	3 00	50 87	57 40	12 40	69 80
1955 . . . .	98,371,785 42	9,224,914 58	107,596,700 00	2 82	2 91	48 98	54 71	15 09	69 80

## Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1929 to 1955

YEAR	Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	Amount of Tax	Tax Rate
1929.....	128,453	\$1,619,366 88	\$29 65
1930.....	117,166	1,154,835 60	29 12
1931.....	112,228	903,360 22	29 25
1932.....	97,122	767,368 93	29 92
1933.....	89,789	628,922 09	31 55
1934.....	90,785	606,561 91	32 14
1935.....	95,107	660,326 21	33 06
1936.....	106,819	779,183 87	33 38
1937.....	111,782	900,576 04	34 62
1938.....	108,367	882,498 89	35 15
1939.....	114,189	914,089 49	35 90
1940.....	120,792	1,013,768 21	36 40
1941.....	128,342	1,211,379 84	36 80
1942.....	99,403	934,767 22	36 46
1943.....	87,369	603,744 70	36 33
1944.....	86,949	441,618 65	35 85
1945.....	89,459	355,486 51	35 60
1946.....	108,550	576,263 10	35 40
1947.....	124,143	1,148,879 91	36 23
1948.....	132,901	1,626,886 39	38 07
1949.....	147,604	2,248,090 78	41 32
1950.....	166,351	2,875,962 79	44 16
1951.....	171,469	3,330,635 28	46 85
1952.....	169,872	3,359,024 55	48 25
1953.....	179,236	3,723,396 69	50 42
1954.....	181,171	4,083,913 95	51 86
1955.....	195,894	4,935,600 15	53 37



TABLE OF ABATEMENTS GRANTED — 1951-1955

YEAR OF LEVY	Tax Rate	MADE IN 1955		MADE IN 1954		MADE IN 1953		MADE IN 1952		MADE IN 1951	
		Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated
1955.....	\$69 80	\$1,213,032 24	\$17,378,600	\$1,522,002 96	\$21,805,200	\$1,444,745 75	\$20,434,900	\$952,838 01	\$14,264,000	\$1,345,216 76	\$21,420,700
1954.....	69 80	3,389,897 39	48,565,800	4,033,397 75	57,049,200	3,385,795 72	50,685,600	2,420,760 43	38,547,100	1,359,405 45	21,577,900
1953.....	70 70	1,315,773 31	18,610,600	1,761,832 79	26,374,700	1,737,239 49	27,663,000	1,799,125 14	28,557,500	858,949 89	15,122,400
1952.....	66 80	1,318,494 97	19,738,000	1,051,122 99	16,737,600	1,442,874 80	22,902,800	683,646 66	12,036,000	685,237 24	12,832,200
1951.....	62 80	698,915 65	11,129,200	656,400 29	10,419,100	557,882 92	9,821,900	470,696 79	8,814,500	317,401 00	6,825,800
1950.....	63 00	466,050 36	7,397,600	557,882 92	9,821,900	121,747 90	2,279,900	118,160 45	2,541,100	73,937 15	1,760,400
1949.....	56 80	46,468 08	818,100	2,851 94	53,400	34,200 75	735,500	7,746 67	184,400	2,575 50	60,600
1948.....	53 40	22,563 43	422,500	281 58	—	25,157 36	599,000	4,585 00	107,900	1,548 22	38,800
1947.....	46 50	11,020 50	237,000	252 00	—	3,366 00	79,200	1,100 94	27,600	1,210 73	29,500
1946.....	42 00	4 20	—	199 69	—	10,100 90	253,200	1,035 48	25,300	384 92	9,400
1945.....	42 50	4 25	—	183 54	—	—	—	887 20	22,500	250 06	6,300
1944.....	39 90	3 99	—	258 30	*45,000	—	—	2,463 84	67,400	284 20	7,000
1943.....	41 00	4 10	—	189 04	—	41 00	—	2,415 20	58,500	27 93	700
1942.....	41 00	4 10	—	178 20	—	—	—	178 20	4,600	—	—
1941.....	39 60	—	—	114 56	—	—	—	171 00	4,500	—	—
1940.....	40 60	—	—	79 80	—	—	14,100	—	—	—	—
1939.....	39 90	—	—	82 60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1938.....	41 30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1937.....	38 70	—	*2,800	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1936.....	38 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1935.....	37 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1934.....	37 10	16 95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1933.....	32 80	25 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1932.....	35 50	28 40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1931.....	31 50	6 30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1930.....	30 80	4 92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	.....	\$8,482,318 28	\$124,300,200	\$9,587,310 95	\$142,306,100	\$8,763,538 78	\$135,469,100	\$6,469,471 37	\$105,347,100	\$4,646,429 05	\$79,691,700

\* Valuation averaged.

NOTE.—Prior to 1842 taxes were assessed on a basis of 50 per cent of true value. Custom discontinued in 1842 and thereafter.

The city of Roxbury was annexed January 6, 1868.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$18,265,400
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,286,300
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$26,551,700</u> said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1868.

Population by state census of 1865 was 28,426.

The town of Dorchester was annexed January 3, 1870.

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first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1870.

Population by state census of 1865 was 10,717.

The city of Charlestown was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$26,016,100
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,273,582
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$35,289,682</u> said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.

Population by United States census of 1870 was 28,323.

The town of West Roxbury was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$16,254,350
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,894,250
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$22,148,600 said valuation</u>

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.

Population by United States census of 1870 was 8,686.

The town of Brighton was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$11,964,450
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,584,081
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	<u>\$14,548,531 said valuation</u>

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.

Population by United States census of 1870 was 4,967.

The town of Hyde Park was annexed January 1, 1912.

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first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1912.

Number of polls, 4,130.

Population, United States census, 15,507.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE YEAR 1956

ASSESSORS' OFFICE, CITY HALL ANNEX,  
BOSTON, MASS., January 1, 1957.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,  
*Mayor of the City of Boston.*

SIR,—In accordance with the requirements of the existing ordinance, the Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report for the year 1956:

TAX WARRANTS

State Warrants were received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the calendar year 1956, to be payable as of November 20, 1956, as follows:

Boston Metropolitan District expenses	\$4,321 26
Metropolitan Transit Authority:	
Principal of bonds — reduction of	530,077 96
Operating deficiency	4,502,826 22
Sewerage Tax:	
North Metropolitan	148,080 02
South Metropolitan	546,376 12
Smoke Inspection, administration expense	15,612 37
Supervision of Retirement System	12,401 16



Metropolitan Parks, Sinking Fund . . . . .	\$1,290,086 53
Detention Center . . . . .	88,337 01
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	\$7,148,118 65
Metropolitan Water Tax * . . . . .	3,290,796 44
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Total . . . . .	<u>\$10,438,914 00</u>

\* The Board of Assessors received this state warrant in accordance with the provisions of chapter 92, General Laws, and all acts in addition and amendment thereto entitled "An Act to Provide for a Metropolitan Water Supply," \$3,290,796.44. This amount was not included in the amount upon which the rate of taxation was based, as the estimated income of the Water Division of the City of Boston was sufficient to meet the expenditure.

### POLL TAX ASSESSMENT

The number of polls recorded for assessment before June 14, 1956, and included in the estimate that determined the rate of taxation for the current year, was 225,507. Under the operation of the law providing for supplementary assessment of omitted male persons liable to assessment, there were added to the list 6,132 polls, making the total number of males assessed, 231,639.

### TAXABLE VALUATIONS

The valuation of the city as of the first day of January, 1956, determined by the assessors August 2, when the rate of taxation for the current year was fixed, was as follows:

Value of land . . . . .	\$528,735,600 00
Value of buildings . . . . .	857,908,000 00
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Total value of real estate . . . . .	\$1,386,643,600 00
Total value of personal estate . . . . .	131,164,400 00
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Total valuation . . . . .	\$1,517,808,000 00
Assessments under the provisions of sections 75 and 76 of chapter 59, General Laws, Real Estate . . . . .	596,600 00
Assessments under the provisions of sections 75 and 76 of chapter 59, General Laws, Personal Estate . . . . .	21,900 00
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The total taxable valuation of the city upon which taxes were assessed for the financial year 1956, when all assessments were made, was . . . . .	<u>\$1,518,426,500 00</u>

## EXEMPT VALUATIONS

<i>Real estate of the United States</i> . . .	\$126,876,000 00
<i>Real estate of the Commonwealth</i> . . .	173,571,300 00
<i>Real estate of the City of Boston</i> . . .	222,587,000 00
<i>Real estate of the Boston Housing Authority</i> . . . . .	72,019,600 00
<i>Real estate of houses of religious worship (and parsonages)</i> . . . . .	41,519,500 00
<i>Real estate of charitable, scientific and literary corporations, including cemeteries, etc.</i> . . . . .	171,755,100 00
<i>Personal property of charitable, scientific and literary corporations estimated, tangible</i> . . . . .	29,888,110 84
Total exempt valuation . . . . .	\$838,216,610 84
Grand total valuation as of January 1, 1956 . . . . .	<u>\$2,356,643,110 84</u>

## THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT AND TAXES COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR

The rate of taxation was determined by the assessors to be 7.87 per cent, or \$78.70 per \$1,000; of this rate \$3.23 was for state, \$3.49 for county, and \$71.98 for the city tax of which \$17.27 was for schools.

Real and Personal Property Taxes . . . . .	\$119,451,489 60
Real and Personal Property Taxes, Supplementary . . . . .	48,675 48
Total Property Taxes . . . . .	<u>\$119,500,165 08</u>
Poll Taxes at \$2.00 . . . . .	451,014 00
Poll Taxes, Supplementary . . . . .	12,264 00
Grand Total Taxes on Property and Polls . . . . .	<u>\$119,963,443 08</u>

The collector was also notified that there was due the City of Boston from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of chapter 12, section 12, of Revised Laws, amended chapter 161, Acts 1903, the sum of \$17,651.79 on account of Chestnut Hill reservoir. There was due also from the Town of Brookline, under the same provisions of law, the sum of \$224,292.07 on account of Brookline water supply.

In the year 1956 also there was assessed to Town of Brookline the additional sum of \$2,014.72, being an inheritance by the Town of Brookline for part of the estate, located in the City of Boston, formerly owned by the late Isabel M. Anderson.

There was also due under the provisions of chapter 59, section 8, General Laws, the sum of \$13,436.66, being an excise tax on persons owning ships and vessels.

GAIN AND LOSS, REAL AND PERSONAL, BY WARDS

1956 Compared with 1955

Ward	Real	Personal	Total Real & Personal	Description of Wards by Districts
1.....	Loss \$1,796,500	Loss \$100,500	Loss \$1,897,000	Ward 1. East Boston.
2.....	Loss 634,900	Loss 134,500	Loss 769,400	Ward 2. Charlestown.
3.....	Loss 17,514,700	Loss 23,700	Loss 17,538,400	Ward 3. Boston Proper.
4.....	Loss 66,600	Loss 86,000	Loss 152,600	Ward 4. Back Bay, South.
5.....	Loss 1,122,500	Loss 254,400	Loss 1,376,900	Ward 5. Back Bay.
6.....	Loss 1,749,700	Loss 9,600	Loss 1,759,300	Ward 6. South Boston, North.
7.....	Loss 372,500	Loss 14,700	Loss 387,200	Ward 7. South Boston, South.
8.....	Loss 498,500	Loss 137,200	Loss 635,700	Ward 8. Roxbury, East and South.
9.....	Loss 179,600	Loss 37,300	Loss 216,900	Ward 9. Roxbury, Central.
10.....	Loss 529,600	Loss 15,200	Loss 544,800	Ward 10. Roxbury, West.
11.....	Loss 425,300	Loss 12,200	Loss 437,500	Ward 11. Roxbury, South; Eggleston Square and Forest Hills.
12.....	Loss 273,000	Loss 20,000	Loss 293,000	Ward 12. Roxbury, East.
13.....	Loss 534,000	Loss 5,300	Loss 539,300	Ward 13. Dorchester and Savin Hill.
14.....	Loss 321,100	Loss 40,300	Loss 361,400	Ward 14. Dorchester, West.
15.....	Gain 117,500	Gain 9,800	Gain 127,300	Ward 15. Dorchester, North Central.
16.....	Loss 98,800	Loss 31,800	Loss 130,600	Ward 16. Dorchester, South.
17.....	Gain 41,600	Loss 400	Gain 41,200	Ward 17. Dorchester Center.
18.....	Gain 3,461,000	Gain 35,000	Gain 3,496,000	Ward 18. Hyde Park and Mattapan.
19.....	Gain 290,800	Loss 35,700	Gain 255,100	Ward 19. Jamaica Plain and Roslindale.
20.....	Gain 553,400	Loss 2,700	Gain 550,700	Ward 20. West Roxbury — Roslindale.
21.....	Loss 418,600	Loss 17,100	Loss 435,700	Ward 21. Brighton, South.
22.....	Loss 622,700	Loss 63,900	Loss 686,600	Ward 22. Brighton, North.
Total.....	Net Loss \$22,694,300	Net Loss \$997,700	Net Loss \$23,692,000	



## VALUATION, JANUARY 1, 1955

Ward	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total	Polls
1.....	\$42,767,500	\$1,860,600	\$44,628,100	15,325
2.....	34,917,600	687,500	35,605,100	6,831
3.....	413,176,400	85,932,100	499,108,500	16,704
4.....	94,918,000	914,200	95,832,200	10,863
5.....	165,232,300	31,206,300	196,438,600	10,999
6.....	74,436,700	1,362,600	75,799,300	7,896
7.....	26,959,700	523,400	27,483,100	9,637
8.....	28,613,200	1,026,000	29,639,200	7,646
9.....	24,761,200	1,173,500	25,934,700	9,023
10.....	18,623,200	273,300	18,896,500	7,846
11.....	24,542,100	476,800	25,018,900	8,593
12.....	30,349,100	361,500	30,710,600	10,321
13.....	24,125,800	385,500	24,511,300	9,382
14.....	43,696,000	784,200	44,480,200	15,257
15.....	21,174,700	338,400	21,513,100	7,711
16.....	35,081,600	725,800	35,807,400	9,898
17.....	34,562,000	478,300	35,040,300	9,725
18.....	53,950,200	1,397,700	55,347,900	15,638
19.....	33,055,400	486,100	33,541,500	9,183
20.....	58,171,600	479,800	58,651,400	12,624
21.....	75,105,700	606,900	75,712,600	12,049
22.....	51,117,900	681,600	51,799,500	10,196
Totals.....	\$1,409,337,900	\$132,162,100	\$1,541,500,000	233,347

## VALUATION, JANUARY 1, 1956

Ward	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total	Polls
1.....	\$40,971,000	\$1,760,100	\$42,731,100	14,758
2.....	34,282,700	553,000	34,835,700	6,389
3.....	395,661,700	85,908,400	481,570,100	15,543
4.....	94,851,400	828,200	95,679,600	10,394
5.....	164,109,800	30,951,900	195,061,700	11,052
6.....	72,687,000	1,353,000	74,040,000	7,588
7.....	26,587,200	508,700	27,095,900	9,254
8.....	28,114,700	888,800	29,003,500	7,282
9.....	24,581,600	1,136,200	25,717,800	8,280
10.....	18,093,600	258,100	18,351,700	7,555
11.....	24,116,800	464,600	24,581,400	8,212
12.....	30,076,100	341,500	30,417,600	9,890
13.....	23,591,800	380,200	23,972,000	9,003
14.....	43,374,900	743,900	44,118,800	14,837
15.....	21,292,200	348,200	21,640,400	7,510
16.....	34,982,800	694,000	35,676,800	9,718
17.....	34,603,600	477,900	35,081,500	9,476
18.....	57,411,200	1,432,700	58,843,900	15,555
19.....	33,346,200	450,400	33,796,600	8,972
20.....	58,725,000	477,100	59,202,100	12,588
21.....	74,687,100	589,800	75,276,900	11,648
22.....	50,495,200	617,700	51,112,900	10,003
Totals.....	\$1,386,643,600	\$131,164,400	\$1,517,808,000	225,507

# ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

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## RECAPITULATION OF ASSESSED VALUATION CHANGES

Real and Personal, 1955	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,541,500,000
Real and Personal, 1956	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,517,808,000
Loss	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$23,692,000
Real Estate, 1955	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,409,337,900
Real Estate, 1956	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,386,643,600
Loss	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$22,694,300
Personal Estate, 1955	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$132,162,100
Personal Estate, 1956	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	131,164,400
Loss	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$997,700
Loss, Real Estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$22,694,300
Loss, Personal Estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	997,700
Net Loss, Real and Personal Estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$23,692,000

## 1956 DIVISION OF TAX RATE

	1955	1956
City (excluding Schools)	\$48 98	\$54 71
County	2 91	3 49
State	2 82	3 23
General Rate	\$54 71	\$61 43
School Rate	15 09	17 27
Total Tax Rate	\$69 80	\$78 70

### Assessors

EDMUND J. BURKE, *Chairman*  
(JOHN J. CHAPMAN, *Successor*)

JAMES H. ALPHEN

LAWRENCE J. MOORE

JOHN P. DOHERTY, *Executive Secretary*  
JEREMIAH A. COAKLEY, *Head Administrative Clerk*  
HENRY P. IRELAND, *Head Clerk*

Rate declared August 2, 1956.



## DETAIL OF STATE ASSESSMENTS

	1955	1956
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION:		
Maintenance Assessments . . .	\$1,783,927 67	\$2,210,831 21
Boston Arena Authority . . .	—	26,123 37
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY:		
Operating Deficits . . . . .	4,184,207 52	4,386,320 30
Debt Retirement . . . . .	516,087 76	516,087 77
STATE ASSESSMENTS . . . . .	97,197 04	93,938 14
Total . . . . .	\$6,581,419 99	\$7,233,300 79

The above amount included in detail of state assessments, which was received by the Assessing Department under provisions of law from the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, was used in determining the tax rate. The warrants issued by the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth were received by the Assessing Department on June 1, 1956. The difference is adjusted each succeeding year.

## DETAIL OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

	1955	1956
<b>CITY BUDGET:</b>		
General Government . . . . .	\$5,514,038 24	\$6,208,527 00
Public Safety . . . . .	25,700,306 51	26,943,359 00
Public Works . . . . .	10,484,889 00	10,614,793 00
Health . . . . .	1,846,613 00	1,936,604 00
Hospitals . . . . .	16,582,130 00	17,619,423 00
Public Welfare . . . . .	23,694,676 00	24,787,493 00
Libraries . . . . .	3,253,680 00	3,328,810 00
Parks and Recreation . . . . .	3,427,179 00	3,616,330 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	6,137,069 00	6,632,289 00
Total . . . . .	\$96,640,580 75	\$101,687,628 00
<b>Special (Statutory):</b>		
Debt Service . . . . .	\$6,214,981 99	\$6,987,258 16
Pension Systems . . . . .	2,791,743 26	2,766,835 47
Hurricane Emergency . . . . .	1,003,073 00	—
Overlay Deficit ('54-'53-'52-'51-'50, Funding) . . . . .	7,787,119 42	11,246,199 09
Total . . . . .	\$114,437,498 42	\$122,687,920 72
<b>COUNTY BUDGET:</b>		
General Government . . . . .	\$1,258,781 00	\$1,334,668 00
Correction . . . . .	1,461,410 40	1,724,199 00
Judicial . . . . .	3,676,412 52	4,365,145 50
Medical Examinations . . . . .	75,912 00	84,974 00
Other . . . . .	58,125 00	52,000 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	170,000 00	172,000 00
Special (Statutory—Debt Service) . . . . .	107,771 25	105,033 75
Total . . . . .	\$121,245,910 59	\$130,525,940 97
<b>SCHOOLS:</b>		
Maintenance, Buildings, Excess Appropriations . . . . .	\$28,272,536 96	\$29,583,865 96
Special (Statutory—Debt Service) . . . . .	188,848 75	236,841 25
Total . . . . .	\$149,707,296 30	\$160,346,648 18
<b>STATE:</b>		
Metropolitan District Commission . . . . .	\$1,783,927 67	\$2,236,954 58
Metropolitan Transit Authority . . . . .	4,700,295 28	4,902,408 07
State Assessments . . . . .	97,197 04	93,938 14
Total . . . . .	\$156,288,716 29	\$167,579,948 97
<b>SUMMARY:</b>		
City . . . . .	\$114,437,498 42	\$122,687,920 72
County . . . . .	6,808,412 17	7,838,020 25
Schools . . . . .	28,461,385 71	29,820,707 21
State . . . . .	6,581,419 99	7,233,300 79
Total . . . . .	\$156,288,716 29	\$167,579,948 97

## TWO-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

APPROPRIATIONS AND CHARGES	1955	1956
<b>CITY:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	\$92,260,580 75	\$97,107,628 00
Debt Service.....	6,214,981 99	6,987,258 16
Pension Systems.....	2,791,743 26	2,766,835 47
Non-Contributory Pensions.....	4,380,000 00	4,580,000 00
Hurricane Emergency.....	1,003,073 00	.....
<b>COUNTY:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	6,530,640 92	7,560,986 50
Debt Service.....	107,771 25	105,033 75
Non-Contributory Pensions.....	170,000 00	172,000 00
<b>SCHOOLS:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	22,799,007 19	22,352,058 08
Debt Service.....	188,848 75	236,841 25
School Buildings:		
Alterations and Repairs.....	2,059,305 80	1,952,600 00
Land and Buildings.....	134,775 00	137,560 00
Excess Appropriations.....	3,279,448 97	5,141,647 88
<b>METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION:</b>		
Maintenance Assessments.....	1,783,927 67	2,210,831 21
Boston Arena Authority.....	.....	26,123 37
<b>METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY:</b>		
Operating Deficits.....	4,184,207 52	4,386,320 30
Debt Retirement.....	516,087 76	516,087 77
State Assessments.....	97,197 04	93,938 14
Overlay: 1954 Deficit.....	.....	1,708,937 32
1953 Deficit.....	2,277,439 73	1,306,564 54
1952 Deficit.....	1,757,528 79	1,317,795 57
1951 Deficit.....	1,066,168 99	695,807 05
1950 and Prior Deficits.....	685,981 91	546,331 51
Funding Account.....	2,000,000 00	5,670,763 10
Total.....	<u>\$156,288,716 29</u>	<u>\$167,579,948 97</u>
<b>REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE:</b>		
City General.....	\$11,969,000 00	\$9,841,250 00
Printing and Rent Board.....	706,000 00	835,500 00
Housing Authority.....	1,020,000 00	840,000 00
County.....	950,000 00	1,100,000 00
Schools—Income.....	1,470,079 87	1,143,179 00
Appropriation Balances.....	128,927 32	8,879 08
<b>STATE REVENUE:</b>		
Income Tax.....	4,733,143 00	5,018,306 63
Corporate Excise Tax.....	5,765,429 00	6,061,734 70
Public Lands.....	194,718 00	190,149 31
Old Age Meals Tax.....	377,620 87	385,568 34
Hurricane Reimbursement.....	1,328,317 00	.....
Aid and Assistance.....	12,400,000 00	13,100,000 00
Courthouse Maintenance.....	228,000 00	185,000 00
School Const. Ch. 645-48.....	130,000 00	150,600 00
Special Classes Ch. 514-54.....	440,000 00	281,760 40
Flood Emergency Reimbursement.....	.....	315,000 00
<b>OTHER REVENUE:</b>		
Motor Excise—Current Year.....	4,083,000 00	2,384,443 00
Motor Excise—Prior Years.....	2,108,529 00	2,527,074 00
Parking Meter Receipts.....	397,000 00	180,000 00
Tax Title Loan.....	3,500,000 00	.....
Sumner Tunnel Proceeds.....	.....	7,919,380 00
Total.....	<u>\$51,929,764 06</u>	<u>\$52,467,824 46</u>
Net Requirements before Adding Overlay.....	\$104,358,952 23	\$115,112,124 51
Overlay (3%) (4%).....	3,705,947 77	4,790,379 09
Amount to be raised by Taxation on Real and Personal Property (including Polls).....	\$108,064,900 00	\$119,902,503 60
Poll Tax (Less).....	468,200 00	451,014 00
Amount to be raised by Taxation on Real and Personal Property in 1955 and 1956.....	<u>\$107,596,700 00</u>	<u>\$119,451,489 60</u>
Tax Rate.....	<u>\$69 80</u>	<u>\$78 70</u>



## Valuation of Taxable Land and Buildings, by Wards, 1956

WARDS	Value Land	Value Buildings	Total Value
1.....	\$12,030,400	\$28,940,600	\$40,971,000
2.....	13,804,600	20,478,100	34,282,700
3.....	210,958,000	184,703,700	395,661,700
4.....	34,597,400	60,254,000	94,851,400
5.....	65,445,600	98,664,200	164,109,800
6.....	32,049,900	40,637,100	72,687,000
7.....	8,942,100	17,645,100	26,587,200
8.....	11,065,400	17,049,300	28,114,700
9.....	12,253,600	12,328,000	24,581,600
10.....	4,311,200	13,782,400	18,093,600
11.....	6,522,800	17,594,000	24,116,800
12.....	8,299,800	21,776,300	30,076,100
13.....	6,728,000	16,863,800	23,591,800
14.....	9,749,800	33,625,100	43,374,900
15.....	4,982,700	16,309,500	21,292,200
16.....	8,363,100	26,619,700	34,982,800
17.....	8,814,400	25,789,200	34,603,600
18.....	13,311,700	44,099,500	57,411,200
19.....	9,121,500	24,224,700	33,346,200
20.....	12,079,800	46,645,200	58,725,000
21.....	22,119,200	52,567,900	74,687,100
22.....	13,184,600	37,310,600	50,495,200
Totals.....	\$528,735,600	\$857,908,000	\$1,386,643,600

RECAPITULATION OF EXEMPT PROPERTY BY CLAUSES	Area	VALUATION			TANGIBLES ABC Returns
		Land (Ex- clusive of Buildings)	Buildings (Ex- clusive of Land)	Total of Each Parcel of Real Estate	
United States of America . . . . . Clause 1	32,304,323	\$41,203,800	\$85,672,200	\$126,876,000	—
Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . . Clause 2	166,523,406	88,278,800	85,292,500	173,571,300	—
Literary . . . . . Clause 31	28,816,631	18,787,400	57,493,300	76,280,700	\$18,358,453 59
Benevolent . . . . . Clause 32	11,890,465	7,874,300	50,968,300	58,842,600	8,387,112 75
Charitable . . . . . Clause 33	6,521,607	3,906,100	20,324,900	24,231,000	2,349,976 22
Scientific . . . . . Clause 34	594,763	704,800	884,800	1,589,600	230,000 00
Incorporate Temperance Society . . . . . Clause 35	1,450	2,200	3,800	6,000	200 00
Incorporate Organization U. S. Veterans . . . . . Clause 5	478,796	547,100	602,400	1,149,500	62,658 95
Religious Organizations . . . . . Clause 10	98,714	223,600	596,800	820,400	70,700 00
Religious Worship (Churches) . . . . . Clause 11	15,291,403	13,682,400	27,837,100	41,519,500	272,539 45
Cemeteries . . . . . Clause 12	37,245,594	4,393,000	477,400	4,870,400	500 00
G. L. 160 Section 87 Railroads . . . . . Clause 22	390,467	613,000	—	613,000	—
Special Clauses 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21	7,078,898	2,379,800	972,100	3,351,900	155,969 88
City of Boston Schools . . . . . Clause A	12,241,652	6,245,400	47,917,000	54,162,400	—
City of Boston Fire . . . . . Clause B	1,003,018	888,200	3,644,000	4,532,200	—
City of Boston all others . . . . . Clause C	6,136,516	1,405,800	448,600	1,854,400	—
City of Boston Hall and Annex . . . . . Clause D	253,225	3,625,400	8,402,600	12,028,000	—
City of Boston Parks and Playgrounds . . . . . Clause F	100,931,287	88,823,400	7,828,500	96,651,900	—
City of Boston Libraries . . . . . Clause I	318,740	2,329,800	3,181,700	5,511,500	—
City of Boston Foreclosures . . . . . Clause J	16,580,370	2,533,700	834,500	3,368,200	—
City of Boston Housing Authority . . . . . Clause K	26,926,524	8,594,900	63,424,700	72,019,600	—
City of Boston Health . . . . . Clause L	389,840	659,000	1,743,500	2,402,500	—
City of Boston Hospitals . . . . . Clause M	2,974,539	1,030,700	10,731,900	11,762,600	—
City of Boston Institutions . . . . . Clause N	11,699,319	1,635,900	8,465,000	10,100,900	—
City of Boston Police . . . . . Clause P	297,134	830,400	2,969,000	3,799,400	—
City of Boston Printing . . . . . Clause R	18,830	94,200	265,800	360,000	—
City of Boston Public Buildings . . . . . Clause S	583,401	5,085,000	4,532,000	9,617,000	—
City of Boston P. W. D. . . . . Clause T	7,887,149	2,185,700	3,147,200	5,332,900	—
City of Boston Welfare . . . . . Clause U	58,016	227,700	875,400	1,103,100	—
GRAND TOTAL . . . . .	495,536,077	\$308,791,500	\$499,537,000	\$808,328,500	\$29,888,110 84

RECAPITULATION OF PROPERTY, WARDS 1 TO 22	Area	VALUATION			TANGIBLES ABC Returns
		Land (Ex- clusive of Buildings)	Buildings (Ex- clusive of Land)	Total of Each Parcel of Real Estate	
Ward 1	122,939,210	\$43,550,100	\$58,045,100	\$101,595,200	\$139,310 87
Ward 2	13,358,828	20,145,400	27,963,900	48,109,300	150,458 20
Ward 3	7,986,565	51,556,600	64,867,000	116,423,600	2,778,778 84
Ward 4	10,339,171	21,905,400	54,412,600	76,318,000	19,006,047 09
Ward 5	12,805,402	82,614,800	17,978,600	100,593,400	3,150,284 31
Ward 6	26,533,553	26,754,400	47,254,100	74,008,500	3,764 28
Ward 7	11,239,934	3,897,600	11,841,200	15,738,800	4,350 00
Ward 8	6,347,305	5,468,900	24,431,000	29,899,900	198,771 34
Ward 9	3,494,537	3,771,600	7,239,000	11,010,600	46,401 00
Ward 10	10,450,729	4,317,100	33,541,800	37,858,900	812,401 62
Ward 11	5,665,190	2,119,400	6,599,100	8,718,500	185,021 35
Ward 12	25,193,466	3,106,100	23,200,400	26,306,500	30,066 77
Ward 13	22,439,782	2,938,100	13,285,200	16,223,300	159,917 98
Ward 14	15,501,800	2,822,800	10,276,500	13,099,300	33,997 06
Ward 15	1,998,426	703,700	2,157,100	2,860,800	2,753 44
Ward 16	14,687,893	2,773,800	12,184,600	14,958,400	16,622 22
Ward 17	7,584,440	1,221,400	6,045,800	7,267,200	30,500 00
Ward 18	55,480,720	3,306,300	10,540,300	13,846,600	23,400 00
Ward 19	32,857,318	5,394,500	13,373,900	18,768,400	421,102 19
Ward 20	51,183,093	5,839,600	6,643,200	12,482,800	21,221 27
Ward 21	16,756,648	8,546,700	26,982,000	35,528,700	2,497,354 01
Ward 22	20,692,067	6,037,200	20,674,600	26,711,800	175,587 00
GRAND TOTAL	495,536,077	\$308,791,500	\$499,537,000	\$808,328,500	\$29,888,110 84



AGGREGATES OF EXEMPT VALUATIONS

Real Estate Exempted from Taxation in Boston for the Years  
1954=1956 by Class of Exemption Shown in Tabulation

CLASS	Year 1956	Year 1955	Year 1954
United States of America.....	\$126,876,000	\$126,883,100	\$128,979,400
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	173,571,300	168,188,000	144,940,100
City of Boston.....	294,606,600	295,121,900	296,278,000
Houses of Religious Worship and Religious Organizations.....	42,339,900	41,948,300	40,471,700
All Others. (Includes Literary, Charitable, Benevolent Institutions, and all other property not separately listed.)..	170,934,700	165,661,500	153,683,100
Totals.....	\$808,328,500	\$797,802,800	\$754,352,300

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX

The motor vehicle excise tax was originally created by the passage of chapter 379 of the Acts of 1928, which law became effective as of January 1, 1929. This act provided that an excise tax should be assessed on all registered motor vehicles, in lieu of the local tax formerly assessed on this class of property. This law, which became chapter 60A of the General Laws, was amended April 23, 1930, by the passage of chapter 244 of the Acts of 1930, and further amended by Acts of 1938, chapter 480. Two recent amendments are contained in the Acts of 1950, chapters 666 and 731.

The tax is levied at an average state rate, and valuations at which these vehicles are assessed are determined by the State Tax Commission and forwarded to assessors of the various cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. All valuations are therefore uniform.

The number of motor vehicles assessed in the 1956 levy was 167,276, of which 32,710 were for the levy year of 1955, committed in 1956. The total amount of the tax levied and warrants sent to the Collector of Taxes was \$4,612,658.42 of which \$580,226.62 was for the levy year of 1955. State rate for 1955 was \$53.73, and for 1956 was \$54.43.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Street, Sewer and Sidewalk Assessments

Under the operation of the existing laws the following amounts were added to the tax list and included in warrants sent to the Collector of Taxes:

Assessment under chapter 521, Acts 1902, for "Laying Out and Construction of Highways and Sewerage Works Acts," for street construction, which were divided into ten† equal parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	\$89,112 91
Assessment under chapter 450, Acts 1889, as amended by chapter 371, Acts 1912, for "Laying Out and Construction of Highways and Sewerage Works Acts," for sewers, which were divided into ten* parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	23,011 63
Assessment under chapter 437, Acts of 1893, as amended by chapter 269, Acts of 1916, "In relation to Sidewalks," which were divided into five† parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	3,032 43
Total . . . . .	\$115,156 97
Assessment under chapter 248, Acts of 1935 (General Laws, chapter 40, sections 42A to 42D), of 1955 Water Liens, added to taxes . . . . .	537,115 83
Grand Total . . . . .	<u>\$652,272 80</u>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The appropriation . . . . .	\$714,835 00
The expenditures for the financial year for salaries, compensation of assistant assessors, clerk hire, books, stationery and incidentals are as follows:	
A. Personal Service . . . . .	\$587,031 12
B. Service Other than Personal . . . . .	24,947 24
C. Equipment . . . . .	20,475 00
D. Supplies, etc. . . . .	4,092 35
	<u>\$636,545 71</u>
Balance unexpended . . . . .	<u>\$78,289 29</u>

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND J. BURKE, *Chairman,†*  
Assessor of Taxes

JAMES H. ALPHEN,  
Associate Assessor of Taxes

LAWRENCE J. MOORE,  
Associate Assessor of Taxes

} Board of  
Assessors of the  
City of Boston

\* May now be apportioned over twenty years, on request.  
† Apportionment is over ten years, on request.  
‡ John J. Chapman became Chairman, April 15, 1956.

JOHN P. DOHERTY, *Executive Secretary*  
JEREMIAH A. COAKLEY,  
*Head Administrative Clerk*  
HENRY P. IRELAND, *Head Clerk*

NOTE:— By virtue of a City Ordinance, effective July 1, 1954, a Board of Review was created within the Assessing Department. The present members for 1956 are:

THOMAS A. FLAHERTY,† <i>Chairman</i>	} <i>Board of Review</i>
HUNTINGTON W. FROTHINGHAM, <i>Member</i>	
EDWARD F. MULLEN,‡ <i>Member</i>	

It is thought a fitting tribute to briefly record here that during the year 1956, Philip J. Camerlengo, a member of the Board of Review, and formerly a member of the Board of Assessors, with career service in the department since 1926, died of an illness of short duration. Mr. Camerlengo was an honorable, upright citizen, an extremely capable assessor, and beloved by all.

ABATEMENTS

The amount of abatements on poll and motor vehicle assessments to December 31, 1956, was:

Polls . . . . .	\$111,330 00
Motor excise . . . . .	\$327,426 04
Total . . . . .	<u>\$435,756 04</u>

AVERAGE OF ASSESSORS' VALUATION FOR THREE YEARS\*

In accordance with the requirements of section 4 of chapter 5 of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 and General Laws, chapter 44, section 10, a statement is herewith included of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the City of Boston for each of the preceding three years, the abatements thereon allowed previous to the thirty-first day of December preceding, and the average of such valuations reduced by such abatements.

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† Replaced John J. Chapman.  
‡ Replaced the late Philip J. Camerlengo.



YEAR	Valuations	Abatements
1954 . . . . .	\$1,664,539,070	\$100,187,498
1955 . . . . .	1,630,967,700	69,174,649
1956 . . . . .	1,602,487,908	28,339,486
Totals . . . . .	\$4,897,994,678	\$197,701,633
Less abatements . . . . .	197,701,633	
	\$4,700,293,045	

divided by 3 gives \$1,566,764,348 — average valuation for three years less abatements.

By the provisions of the Acts of 1949, chapter 117, the equivalent of the above valuation for school purposes (excluding motor vehicles) is \$1,479,487,333.00.

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\* Includes valuation of motor vehicles as provided by chapter 379, Acts of 1928, section 2 (chapter 60A), and as amended by chapter 244, section 3, Acts of 1930.

AVERAGE VALUATIONS USED, FINANCIAL YEARS  
1917-18 to 1956

Financial Year											Basis, Three Years
1917-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,568,290,365 69
1918-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,541,597,610 68
1919-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,518,938,942 75
1920-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,490,343,142 57
1921-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,526,365,954 67
1922-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,557,388,410 46
1923-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,606,575,806 95
1924-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,651,200,431 88
1925-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,720,250,701 60
1926	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,780,945,466 16
1927	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,841,057,566 16
1928	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,882,009,566 67
1929	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,909,255,300 00
1930	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,948,731,046 00
1931	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,973,091,133 33
1932	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,984,506,400 00
1933	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,945,584,733 33
1934	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,843,744,900 00
1935	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,744,959,500 00
1936	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,675,264,600 00
1937	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,631,106,175 00
1938	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,598,902,763 00
1939	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,570,885,561 00
1940	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,543,610,935 00
1941	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,514,947,672 33
1942	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,481,586,003 00
1943	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,460,074,903 00
1944	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,438,927,624 00
1945	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,428,381,963 00
1946	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,436,571,039 00
1947	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,459,013,321 00
1948	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,471,948,589 00
1949	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,500,576,133 00
1950	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,538,774,760 00
1951	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,578,935,227 00
1952	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,583,733,737 00
1953	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,580,293,053 00
1954	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,569,133,815 00
1955	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,589,835,787 00
1956	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,566,764,348 00

NOTE.—Commencing 1926 the financial year begins on January 1.

## NUMBER OF PROPERTY ITEMS ASSESSED

	Exempt Real Estate	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Water	Better- ments
1 . . .	315	6,541	576	372	122
2 . . .	511	3,431	310	418	2
3 . . .	522	5,593	6,263	596	14
4 . . .	206	2,536	679	456	9
5 . . .	310	4,011	2,976	404	8
6 . . .	326	4,203	603	451	2
7 . . .	191	3,459	334	326	38
8 . . .	219	2,914	382	519	25
9 . . .	375	3,450	776	974	—
10 . . .	226	2,364	214	348	12
11 . . .	238	3,599	297	578	14
12 . . .	150	3,430	374	1,012	—
13 . . .	153	3,320	307	384	73
14 . . .	259	4,990	606	525	8
15 . . .	76	3,147	258	326	10
16 . . .	119	5,216	530	383	91
17 . . .	132	4,951	307	386	104
18 . . .	1,105	12,592	557	604	1,108
19 . . .	181	5,029	307	343	181
20 . . .	723	11,684	379	417	1,011
21 . . .	94	2,706	466	356	9
22 . . .	236	5,452	418	427	150
Totals . .	6,667	104,618	17,919	10,605	2,991
Supplementary	—	26	21	—	—
Total . .	6,667	104,644	17,940	10,605	2,991



## LIST OF ASSESSORS — 1956

EDMUND J. BURKE, *Assessor of Taxes\**JAMES H. ALPHEN, *Associate Assessor*LAWRENCE J. MOORE, *Associate Assessor*JOHN P. DOHERTY, *Executive Secretary**Deputy Assessors*

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FRANK J. MCFARLAND

PAUL J. OSWALD

JEREMIAH A. COAKLEY, *Head Administrative Clerk*HENRY P. IRELAND, *Head Clerk*THOMAS F. GAVIN, *Chief Personal Property Tax Division*JOHN A. SHARKEY, *Senior Appraisal Engineer*

Ward	Part	Books	Assistant Assessors	Ward	Part	Books	Assistant Assessors
1	1	1-2	Paul M. Finan	10	1	1-2	John T. Finnegan
1	2	3-4	Herbert A. Ellis	11	1	1-2	James J. Boyle
2	1	1-2	Frederick T. Desmond	12	1	1-2	William T. Inch
2	2	3	William P. Driscoll	13	1	1-2	John Quincy
3	1	1	Edward F. Wallace	14	1	1-2	Timothy J. Callahan
3	2	2	John M. Lanning	14	2	3-4	Willard F. O'Brien
3	3	3	George A. Maloney	15	1	1-2	Helen M. Sullivan
3	4	4	Frank H. Whelan	16	1	1-3	John C. Foran, Jr.
3	5-6	5-6	George H. Mitchell	16	2	2-4	John P. Kenney
3	7-8	7-8	Warren Freeman, Jr.	17	1	1-2	James J. Byrne
3	9	9	Adolph H. Brauneis	17	2	3-4	John F. McCarthy
3	10	10	James Farrell	18	1	1-2	Robert T. Fowler, Jr.
3	11	11	John M. MacHugh	18	2	3-4	John F. Driscoll
4	1	1	William F. Morrissey	18	3	5-6-7	James P. Buckley
4	2	2	Maurice Joyce	18	4	8-9	Edward J. Carroll
5	1	1	Frank A. Duggan	19	1	1-2	Francis X. Cuddy
5	2	2	Norman S. Weinberg	19	2	3-4	Edmund J. Burke
5	3	3	Bernard F. Shadrawy	20	1	1-2-3	Albert Soosman
6	1	1-2-3	Thomas P. O'Connor	20	2	4-5	John T. Driscoll
6	2	4-5	Emmet J. Kelly	20	3	6-7	George D. Leavitt
7	1	1-2	Louis M. Gropman	20	4	8-9	John J. McColgan
8	1	1-2	Harold L. Vaughan	21	1	1	Warren R. Moore
8	2	2	Leonard W. Dolan	21	2	2	John M. Corcoran
9	1	1	M. James Peters	22	1	1-2	Robert F. McGovern
9	2	2	John D. McLeod	22	2	3-4	John J. Riley, Jr.

\*John J. Chapman, Assessor of Taxes, April 15, 1956

VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL ESTATE, TOTAL CITY VALUATION AND POLLS 1947-1956

YEAR	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Polls
1947 . .	\$1,410,039,100	\$148,571,800	\$1,558,610,900	260,487
1948 . .	1,441,620,300	140,373,700	1,581,994,000	258,208
1949 . .	1,459,118,000	142,313,500	1,601,431,500	255,225
1950 . .	1,429,900,000	137,600,000	1,567,500,000	254,058
1951 . .	1,433,186,800	137,573,200	1,570,760,000	249,997
1952 . .	1,433,681,500	139,834,500	1,573,516,000	245,355
1953 . .	1,428,187,400	137,478,600	1,565,666,000	240,513
1954 . .	1,432,261,500	134,414,500	1,566,676,000	234,147
1955 . .	1,409,337,900	132,162,100	1,541,500,000	233,347
1956 . .	1,386,643,600	131,164,400	1,517,808,000	225,507

TAXES ON PROPERTY — DISTRIBUTION OF TAX RATE

YEAR	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total	RATE PER \$1,000					Total
				State	County	City	General Rate	School Rate	
1950 . . . .	\$90,083,700 00	\$8,668,800 00	\$98,752,500 00	\$2 02	\$3 34	\$41 83	\$47 19	\$15 81	\$63 00
1951 . . . .	90,004,131 04	8,639,596 96	98,643,728 00	1 67	3 89	40 41	45 97	16 83	62 80
1952 . . . .	95,769,924 20	9,340,944 60	105,110,868 80	2 87	2 90	47 94	53 71	13 09	66 80
1953 . . . .	100,972,849 18	9,719,737 02	110,692,586 20	3 49	3 04	51 67	58 20	12 50	70 70
1954 . . . .	99,971,852 70	9,382,132 10	109,353,984 80	3 53	3 00	50 87	57 40	12 40	69 80
1955 . . . .	98,371,785 42	9,224,914 58	107,596,700 00	2 82	2 91	48 98	54 71	15 09	69 80
1956 . . . .	109,128,851 32	10,322,638 28	119,451,489 60	3 23	3 49	54 71	61 43	17 27	78 70

## Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1929 to 1956

YEAR	Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	Amount of Tax	Tax Rate
1929.....	128,453	\$1,619,366 88	\$29 65
1930.....	117,166	1,154,835 60	29 12
1931.....	112,228	903,360 22	29 25
1932.....	97,122	767,368 93	29 92
1933.....	89,789	628,922 09	31 55
1934.....	90,785	606,561 91	32 14
1935.....	95,107	660,326 21	33 06
1936.....	106,819	779,183 87	33 38
1937.....	111,782	900,576 04	34 62
1938.....	108,367	882,498 89	35 15
1939.....	114,189	914,089 49	35 90
1940.....	120,792	1,013,768 21	36 40
1941.....	128,342	1,211,379 84	36 80
1942.....	99,403	934,767 22	36 46
1943.....	87,369	603,744 70	36 33
1944.....	86,949	441,618 65	35 85
1945.....	89,459	355,486 51	35 60
1946.....	108,550	576,263 10	35 40
1947.....	124,143	1,148,879 91	36 23
1948.....	132,901	1,626,886 39	38 07
1949.....	147,604	2,248,090 78	41 32
1950.....	166,351	2,875,962 79	44 16
1951.....	171,469	3,330,635 28	46 85
1952.....	169,872	3,359,024 55	48 25
1953.....	179,236	3,723,396 69	50 42
1954.....	181,171	4,083,913 95	51 86
1955.....	195,894	4,935,600 15	53 37
1956.....	193,364	5,407,426 05	54 43



TABLE OF ABATEMENTS GRANTED — 1951-1956

YEAR OF LEVY	Tax Rate	MADE IN 1956		MADE IN 1955		MADE IN 1954		MADE IN 1953		MADE IN 1952		MADE IN 1951
		Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	
1956	\$78 70	\$2,159,188 88	\$27,435,700	\$1,213,032 24	\$17,378,600	\$1,522,002 96	\$21,805,200	\$1,444,745 75	\$20,434,900	\$952,838 01	\$14,264,000	\$1,345,216 76
1955	69 80	3,253,311 19	46,609,100	3,389,897 39	48,565,800	4,033,397 75	57,049,200	3,385,795 72	50,685,600	2,420,760 43	38,547,100	1,359,405 45
1954	69 80	1,953,524 84	27,987,500	1,315,773 31	18,610,600	1,761,832 79	26,374,700	1,737,239 49	27,663,000	1,799,125 14	28,557,500	858,949 89
1953	70 70	1,333,846 47	18,968,106	1,318,494 97	19,738,000	1,051,122 99	16,737,600	1,442,874 80	22,902,800	683,646 66	12,036,000	685,237 24
1952	66 80	648,840 99	9,713,200	698,915 65	11,129,200	656,400 29	10,419,100	557,882 92	9,821,900	470,696 79	8,814,500	317,401 00
1951	62 80	343,720 66	5,473,300	466,050 36	7,397,600	557,882 92	9,821,900	121,747 90	2,279,900	118,160 45	2,541,100	73,937 15
1950	63 00	205,456 19	3,261,200	46,468 08	818,100	2,851 94	53,400	34,200 75	735,500	7,746 67	184,400	2,575 50
1949	56 80	675 80	11,900	22,563 43	422,500	281 58	—	25,157 36	599,000	4,585 00	107,900	1,548 22
1948	53 40	338 26	6,300	11,020 50	237,000	252 00	—	3,366 00	79,200	1,035 48	25,300	1,210 73
1947	46 50	5,298 77	114,000	4 20	—	199 69	—	10,100 90	253,200	887 20	22,400	250 06
1946	42 00	79 80	—	4 25	—	183 54	—	41 00	—	2,737 86	67,400	284 20
1945	42 50	76 86	—	3 99	—	178 20	—	—	—	2,463 84	61,800	27 93
1944	39 90	15 96	—	4 10	—	114 56	—	—	—	2,415 20	58,500	—
1943	41 00	16 40	—	4 10	—	79 80	—	—	—	178 20	4,600	—
1942	39 60	15 84	—	—	—	82 60	—	—	—	—	4,500	—
1941	40 60	16 24	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1940	39 90	15 96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1939	41 30	16 52	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1938	38 70	15 48	*12,800	—	*2,800	—	—	—	14,100	—	—	—
1937	38 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1936	37 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1935	37 10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1934	32 80	29 52	—	16 95	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1933	35 50	31 95	—	25 14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1932	31 50	28 35	—	28 40	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1931	30 80	27 72	—	6 30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1930	—	—	—	4 92	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	.....	\$9,904,605 05	\$139,593,100	\$8,482,318 28	\$124,300,200	\$9,587,310 95	\$142,306,100	\$8,763,538 78	\$135,469,100	\$6,469,471 37	\$105,347,100	\$4,646,429 05
												\$79,691,700

\* Valuation averaged.

NOTE.—Prior to 1842 taxes were assessed on a basis of 50 per cent of true value.  
Custom discontinued in 1842 and thereafter.

The city of Roxbury was annexed January 6, 1868.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$18,265,400
" Personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8,286,300
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$26,551,700 said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1868.  
Population by state census of 1865 was 28,426.

The town of Dorchester was annexed January 3, 1870.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$12,826,200
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7,489,500
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$20,315,700 said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1870.  
Population by state census of 1865 was 10,717.

The city of Charlestown was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$26,016,100
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9,273,582
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$35,289,682 said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.  
Population by United States census of 1870 was 28,323.

The town of West Roxbury was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$16,254,350
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,894,250
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$22,148,600 said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.  
Population by United States census of 1870 was 8,686.

The town of Brighton was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$11,964,450
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,584,081
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$14,548,531 said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.  
Population by United States census of 1870 was 4,967.

The town of Hyde Park was annexed January 1, 1912.

Valuation real estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$13,088,575
" personal estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,540,690
" total	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$15,629,265 said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1912.  
Number of polls, 4,130.  
Population, United States census, 15,507.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
ASSESSING DEPARTMENT  
FOR THE YEAR 1957.

ASSESSORS' OFFICE, CITY HALL ANNEX,  
BOSTON, MASS., January 1, 1958.

HON. JOHN B. HYNES,  
*Mayor of Boston.*

SIR,—In accordance with the requirements of the existing ordinance, the Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report for the year 1957:

### TAX WARRANTS

State warrants were received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the calendar year 1957, to be payable as of November 20, 1957, as follows:

Boston Metropolitan District expenses . . . . .	\$8,478 55
Metropolitan Transit Authority:	
Principal of bonds — reduction of . . . . .	516,087 76
Operating deficiency . . . . .	5,450,244 34
Sewerage Tax:	
North Metropolitan . . . . .	174,081 13
South Metropolitan . . . . .	700,084 04
Smoke Inspection, administration expense . . . . .	19,706 97
Supervision of Retirement System . . . . .	18,198 17
Metropolitan Parks, Sinking Fund . . . . .	1,310,883 23
Detention Center . . . . .	132,286 67
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	\$8,330,050 86
Metropolitan Water Tax . . . . .	3,328,320 48
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Total . . . . .	<u>\$11,658,371 34</u>



The Board of Assessors received this state warrant in accordance with the provisions of chapter 92, General Laws, and all acts in addition and amendment thereto entitled "An Act to Provide for a Metropolitan Water Supply," \$3,328,320.48. This amount was not included in the amount upon which the rate of taxation was based, as the estimated income of the Water Division of the City of Boston was sufficient to meet the expenditure.

### POLL TAX ASSESSMENT

The number of polls recorded for assessment before June 14, 1957, and included in the estimate that determined the rate of taxation for the current year, was 221,713. Under the operation of the law providing for supplementary assessment of omitted male persons liable to assessment, there were added to the list 3,724 polls, making the total number of males assessed, 225,437.

### TAXABLE VALUATIONS

The valuation of the city as of the first day of January, 1957, determined by the assessors September 17, when the rate of taxation for the current year was fixed, was as follows:

Value of land . . . . .	\$513,791,600 00
Value of buildings . . . . .	849,665,500 00
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Total value of real estate . . . . .	\$1,363,457,100 00
Total value of personal estate . . . . .	128,312,900 00
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Total valuation . . . . .	\$1,491,770,000 00
Assessments under the provisions of sections 75 and 76 of chapter 59, General Laws, Real Estate . . . . .	85,000 00
Assessments under the provisions of sections 75 and 76 of chapter 59, General Laws, Personal Estate . . . . .	34,200 00
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The total taxable valuation of the city upon which taxes were assessed for the financial year 1957, when all assessments were made, was . . . . .	<u>\$1,491,889,200 00</u>

### EXEMPT VALUATIONS

<i>Real estate of the United States . . . . .</i>	<i>\$117,685,400 00</i>
<i>Real estate of the Commonwealth . . . . .</i>	<i>183,511,700 00</i>
<i>Real estate of the City of Boston . . . . .</i>	<i>224,764,500 00</i>
<i>Real estate of the Boston Housing Authority . . . . .</i>	<i>82,919,000 00</i>
<i>Real estate of houses of religious worship (and parsonages) . . . . .</i>	<i>42,565,700 00</i>
<i>Real estate of charitable, scientific and literary corporations, including cemeteries, etc. . . . .</i>	<i>180,587,900 00</i>

*Personal property of charitable, scientific and literary corporations estimated, tangible . . . . .*

*\$33,160,904 96*

Total exempt valuation . . . . . \$865,195,104 96

Grand total valuation as of January 1, 1957 . . . . . \$2,357,084,304 96

## THE RATE OF ASSESSMENT AND TAXES COMMITTED TO THE COLLECTOR

The rate of taxation was determined by the assessors to be 8.60 per cent, or \$86.00 per \$1,000; of this rate \$6.56 was for state, \$4.33 for county, and \$55.48 for the city tax, \$19.63 was for schools.

Real and Personal Property Taxes . . . . .	\$128,292,220 00
Real and Personal Property Taxes, Supplementary . . . . .	10,251 20
Total Property Taxes . . . . .	<u>\$128,302,471 20</u>
Poll Taxes at \$2.00 . . . . .	443,426 00
Poll Taxes, Supplementary . . . . .	7,448 00
Grand Total Taxes on Property and Polls . . . . .	<u>\$128,753,345 00</u>

The collector was also notified that there was due the City of Boston from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of chapter 12, section 12, or Revised Laws, amended chapter 161, Acts 1903, the sum of \$19,289.12 on account of Chestnut Hill reservoir. There was due also from the Town of Brookline, under the same provisions of law, the sum of \$224,292.07 on account of Brookline water supply.

In the year 1957 also there was assessed to Town of Brookline the additional sum of \$2,201.60; being an inheritance by the Town of Brookline for part of the estate, located in the City of Boston, formerly owned by the late Isabel M. Anderson.

There was due also under the provisions of chapter 59, section 8, General Laws, the sum of \$13,333.33, being an excise tax on persons owning ships and vessels.

**VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, PERSONAL ESTATE, TOTAL  
CITY VALUATION AND POLLS 1947-1957**

YEAR	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Polls
1947 . .	\$1,410,039,100	\$148,571,800	\$1,558,610,900	260,487
1948 . .	1,441,620,300	140,373,700	1,581,994,000	258,208
1949 . .	1,459,118,000	142,313,500	1,601,431,500	255,225
1950 . .	1,429,900,000	137,600,000	1,567,500,000	254,058
1951 . .	1,433,186,800	137,573,200	1,570,760,000	249,997
1952 . .	1,433,681,500	139,834,500	1,573,516,000	245,355
1953 . .	1,428,187,400	137,478,600	1,565,666,000	240,513
1954 . .	1,432,261,500	134,414,500	1,566,676,000	234,147
1955 . .	1,409,337,900	132,162,100	1,541,500,000	233,347
1956 . .	1,386,643,600	131,164,400	1,517,808,000	225,507
1957 . .	1,363,457,100	128,312,900	1,491,770,000	221,713



GAIN AND LOSS, REAL AND PERSONAL, BY WARDS  
1957 Compared with 1956

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Ward	Real	Personal	Total Real & Personal	Description of Wards by Districts
1.....	Loss \$350,500	Gain \$140,800	Loss \$209,700	Ward 1. East Boston.
2.....	Loss 107,500	Loss 11,100	Loss 118,600	Ward 2. Charlestown.
3.....	Loss 21,705,100	Gain 758,400	Loss 20,946,700	Ward 3. Boston Proper.
4.....	Gain 900	Loss 82,200	Loss 81,300	Ward 4. Back Bay, South.
5.....	Loss 1,104,500	Loss 2,747,800	Loss 3,852,300	Ward 5. Back Bay.
6.....	Loss 1,756,000	Loss 365,000	Loss 2,121,000	Ward 6. South Boston, North.
7.....	Gain 312,300	Loss 18,200	Gain 294,100	Ward 7. South Boston, South.
8.....	Loss 468,900	Loss 36,600	Loss 505,500	Ward 8. Roxbury, East and South.
9.....	Loss 4,100	Loss 93,100	Loss 134,100	Ward 9. Roxbury, Central.
10.....	Loss 58,200	Loss 27,400	Loss 85,600	Ward 10. Roxbury, West.
11.....	Gain 523,000	Loss 6,000	Gain 517,000	Ward 11. Roxbury, South; Egleston Square and Forest Hills.
12.....	Gain 49,700	Loss 25,700	Gain 24,000	Ward 12. Roxbury, East.
13.....	Loss 35,700	Gain 3,300	Loss 32,400	Ward 13. Dorchester and Savin Hill.
14.....	Loss 82,700	Loss 22,800	Loss 104,700	Ward 14. Dorchester, West.
15.....	Loss 157,600	Loss 5,800	Loss 163,400	Ward 15. Dorchester, North Central.
16.....	Gain 227,500	Loss 41,700	Gain 185,800	Ward 16. Dorchester, South.
17.....	Loss 131,300	Loss 122,700	Loss 254,000	Ward 17. Dorchester Center.
18.....	Gain 2,059,900	Loss 62,800	Gain 1,897,100	Ward 18. Hyde Park and Mattapan.
19.....	Loss 195,200	Loss 11,600	Loss 206,800	Ward 19. Jamaica Plain and Roslindale.
20.....	Gain 852,300	Loss 31,500	Gain 820,800	Ward 20. West Roxbury — Roslindale.
21.....	Loss 1,105,400	Gain 12,400	Loss 1,093,000	Ward 21. Brighton, South.
22.....	Gain 87,500	Loss 54,400	Gain 33,100	Ward 22. Brighton, North.
Total.....	Net Loss \$23,186,500	Net Loss \$2,851,500	Net Loss \$26,038,000	

## VALUATION, JANUARY 1, 1956

Ward	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total	Polls
1.....	\$40,971,000	\$1,760,100	\$42,731,100	14,758
2.....	34,282,700	553,000	34,835,700	6,389
3.....	395,661,700	85,908,400	481,570,100	15,543
4.....	94,851,400	828,200	95,679,600	10,394
5.....	164,109,800	30,951,900	195,061,700	11,052
6.....	72,687,000	1,353,000	74,040,000	7,588
7.....	26,587,200	508,700	27,095,900	9,254
8.....	28,114,700	888,800	29,003,500	7,282
9.....	24,581,600	1,136,200	25,717,800	8,280
10.....	18,093,600	258,100	18,351,700	7,555
11.....	24,116,800	464,600	24,581,400	8,212
12.....	30,076,100	341,500	30,417,600	9,890
13.....	23,591,800	380,200	23,972,000	9,003
14.....	43,374,900	743,900	44,118,800	14,837
15.....	21,292,200	348,200	21,640,400	7,510
16.....	34,982,800	694,000	35,676,800	9,718
17.....	34,603,600	477,900	35,081,500	9,476
18.....	57,411,200	1,432,700	58,843,900	15,555
19.....	33,346,200	450,400	33,796,600	8,972
20.....	58,725,000	477,100	59,202,100	12,588
21.....	74,687,100	589,800	75,276,900	11,648
22.....	50,495,200	617,700	51,112,900	10,003
Totals.....	\$1,386,643,600	\$131,164,400	\$1,517,808,000	225,507





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\$118,004.600

Comm of Mass.

183,605,600

City of Boston

229,387,700

HOLSTING

92,935,100

Churches

44,810,200

Charitables, etc.

195,382,100

Personal property

34,054,105.12

Total exempt

G R A M D

T O T A L

898,679,405.12--  
2,362,411,505.12--

1959

Value of Land \$ 484,904,600  
" " Bldgs 850,037,000 -

TOTAL REAL ESTATE \$ 1,334,941,600

TO AL PERSONAL ESTATE - - 127,627,400 -

TOTAL VALUATION \$ 1,462,569,000

December Assessment-Real 1,156,400

" Personal 6,700

RECAPITULATION OF GAIN AND LOSS  
Real and Personal Estate

Real and Personal, 1956	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,517,808,000
Real and Personal, 1957	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,491,770,000
Net Loss	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$26,038,000
Real Estate, 1956	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,386,643,600
Real Estate, 1957	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,363,457,100
Loss	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$23,186,500
Personal Estate, 1956	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$131,164,400
Personal Estate, 1957	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	128,312,900
Loss	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$2,851,500
Loss, Real Estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$23,186,500
Loss, Personal Estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2,851,500
Net Loss, Real and Personal Estate	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$26,038,000

1957 DIVISION OF TAX RATE

		1956	1957
City (excluding Schools)	.	\$54 71	\$55 48
County	.	3 49	4 33
State	.	3 23	6 56
General Tax Rate	.	\$61 43	\$66 37
School Tax Rate	.	17 27	19 63
Total Tax Rate	.	\$78 70	\$86 00

Assessors

JOHN J. CHAPMAN, *Chairman*

JAMES H. ALPHEN

LAWRENCE J. MOORE

JOHN P. DOHERTY, *Executive Secretary*  
JEREMIAH A. COAKLEY, *Head Administrative Clerk*  
HENRY P. IRELAND, *Head Clerk*

Rate declared September 17, 1957.



DETAIL OF STATE ASSESSMENTS

	1956	1957
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION:		
Maintenance Assessments . .	\$2,210,831 21	\$2,111,449 31
Boston Arena Authority . .	26,123 37	—
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY:		
Operating Deficits . . . .	4,386,320 30	5,613,428 12
Debt Retirement . . . .	516,087 77	544,068 15
STATE ASSESSMENTS . . . .	93,938 14	203,935 03
Total . . . . .	\$7,233,300 79	\$8,472,880 61

## DETAIL OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

	1956	1957
<b>CITY BUDGET:</b>		
General Maintenance . . . . .	\$97,107,628 00	\$99,541,354 00
Debt Service . . . . .	6,987,258 16	9,280,349 71
Pension Systems . . . . .	2,766,835 47	3,512,133 74
Non-Contributory Pensions . . . . .	4,580,000 00	4,800,000 00
<b>OVERLAY:</b>		
1951-1955 Deficits . . . . .	\$5,029,104 39	\$5,095,199 51
1950 and Prior Deficits . . . . .	546,331 51	210,590 28
Funding Account . . . . .	5,670,763 10	2,000,000 00
City Total . . . . .	\$122,687,920 72	\$124,439,627 24
<b>SCHOOLS:</b>		
General Maintenance . . . . .	\$22,352,058 08	\$22,922,643 13
Debt Service . . . . .	236,841 25	321,587 50
School Buildings:		
Alterations and Repairs . . . . .	1,952,600 00	1,940,650 00
Land and Buildings . . . . .	137,560 00	96,145 17
Excess Appropriations . . . . .	5,141,647 88	6,220,903 18
School Total . . . . .	\$29,820,707 21	\$31,501,928 98
<b>COUNTY BUDGET:</b>		
General Maintenance . . . . .	\$7,560,986 50	\$7,478,253 00
Debt Service . . . . .	105,033 75	91,433 75
Non-Contributory Pensions . . . . .	172,000 00	165,000 00
County Total . . . . .	\$7,838,020 25	\$7,734,686 75
<b>STATE:</b>		
Metropolitan District Commission . . . . .	\$2,236,954 58	\$2,111,449 31
Metropolitan Transit Authority:		
Operating Deficits . . . . .	4,386,320 30	5,613,428 12
Debt Retirement . . . . .	516,087 77	544,068 15
State Assessments . . . . .	93,938 14	203,935 03
State Total . . . . .	\$7,233,300 79	\$8,472,880 61
Grand Total Appropriations . . . . .	\$167,579,948 97	\$172,149,123 58
<b>SUMMARY:</b>		
City . . . . .	\$122,687,920 72	\$124,439,627 24
County . . . . .	7,838,020 25	7,734,686 75
Schools . . . . .	29,820,707 21	31,501,928 98
State . . . . .	7,233,300 79	*8,472,880 61
Total . . . . .	\$167,579,948 97	\$172,149,123 58

\*The above amount, included in detail of state assessments, which was received by the Assessing Department under provisions of law from the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, was used in determining the tax rate. The warrants issued by the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth were received by the Assessing Department on June 1, 1957. The difference is adjusted each succeeding year.

## TWO-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON

APPROPRIATIONS AND CHARGES	1956	1957
<b>CITY:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	\$97,107,628 00	\$99,541,354 00
Debt Service.....	6,987,258 16	9,280,349 71
Pension Systems.....	2,766,835 47	3,512,133 74
Non-Contributory Pensions.....	4,580,000 00	4,800,000 00
<b>COUNTY:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	7,560,986 50	7,478,253 00
Debt Service.....	105,033 75	91,433 75
Non-Contributory Pensions.....	172,000 00	165,000 00
<b>SCHOOLS:</b>		
General Maintenance.....	22,352,058 08	22,922,643 13
Debt Service.....	236,841 25	321,587 50
School Buildings:		
Alterations and Repairs.....	1,952,600 00	1,940,650 00
Land and Buildings.....	137,560 00	96,145 17
Excess Appropriations.....	5,141,647 88	6,220,903 18
<b>METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION:</b>	2,236,954 58	2,111,449 31
<b>METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY:</b>		
Operating Deficits.....	4,386,320 30	5,613,428 12
Debt Retirement.....	516,087 77	544,068 15
State Assessments.....	93,938 14	203,935 03
Overlay: 1951-55 Deficits.....	5,029,104 48	5,095,199 51
1950 and Prior Deficits.....	546,331 51	210,590 28
Funding Account.....	5,670,763 10	2,000,000 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$167,579,948 97</b>	<b>\$172,149,123 58</b>
<b>REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE:</b>		
City General.....	\$10,676,750 00	\$10,598,000 00
Housing Authority.....	840,000 00	750,000 00
County.....	1,100,000 00	1,035,000 00
Schools—Income.....	1,143,179 00	1,222,620 00
Appropriation Balances.....	8,879 08	570,577 16
<b>STATE REVENUE:</b>		
Income Tax.....	5,300,066 63	4,826,848 63
Corporate Excise Tax.....	6,061,734 70	5,972,819 69
Public Lands.....	190,149 31	235,617 04
Old Age Meals Tax.....	385,568 34	415,484 28
Aid and Assistance.....	13,100,000 00	13,400,000 00
Courthouse Maintenance.....	185,000 00	215,000 00
School Const. Ch. 645-48.....	150,000 00	102,000 00
Flood Emergency Reimbursement.....	315,000 00	—
<b>OTHER REVENUE:</b>		
Motor Excise—Current Year.....	2,384,443 00	2,819,828 40
Motor Excise—Prior Years.....	2,527,074 00	2,256,551 09
Parking Meter Receipts.....	180,000 00	—
Sumner Tunnel Proceeds.....	7,919,380 00	—
Funding Loan.....	—	5,305,789 79
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$52,467,824 46</b>	<b>\$49,726,136 08</b>
<b>Net Requirements before Adding Overlay.....</b>	<b>\$115,112,124 51</b>	<b>\$122,422,987 50</b>
<b>Overlay (4%) (5%).....</b>	<b>4,790,379 09</b>	<b>6,312,658 50</b>
<b>Amount to be raised by Taxation on Real and Personal Property (including Polls).....</b>	<b>\$119,902,503 60</b>	<b>\$128,735,646 00</b>
<b>Poll Tax (Less).....</b>	<b>451,014 00</b>	<b>443,426 00</b>
<b>Amount to be raised by Taxation on Real and Personal Property in 1956—1957.....</b>	<b>\$119,451,489 60</b>	<b>\$128,292,220 00</b>
<b>Tax Rate.....</b>	<b>\$78 70</b>	<b>\$86 00</b>



VALUATION OF TAXABLE LAND AND BUILDINGS,  
BY WARDS, 1957

WARDS	Value Land	Value Buildings	Total Value
1.....	\$11,838,400	\$28,782,100	\$40,620,500
2.....	13,820,500	20,354,700	34,175,200
3.....	199,079,700	174,876,900	373,956,600
4.....	34,412,500	60,439,800	94,852,300
5.....	65,297,400	97,707,900	163,005,300
6.....	30,371,300	40,559,700	70,931,000
7.....	8,892,800	18,006,700	26,899,500
8.....	10,901,100	16,744,700	27,645,800
9.....	12,320,700	12,219,900	24,540,600
10.....	4,349,800	13,685,600	18,035,400
11.....	6,564,000	18,075,800	24,639,800
12.....	8,303,400	21,822,400	30,125,800
13.....	6,657,900	16,898,200	23,556,100
14.....	9,779,200	33,513,000	43,292,200
15.....	4,879,300	16,255,300	21,134,600
16.....	8,416,800	26,793,500	35,210,300
17.....	8,751,700	25,720,600	34,472,300
18.....	13,584,800	45,886,300	59,471,100
19.....	8,923,700	24,227,300	33,151,000
20.....	11,951,200	47,626,100	59,577,300
21.....	21,568,200	52,013,500	73,581,700
22.....	13,127,200	37,455,500	50,582,700
Totals.....	\$513,791,600	\$849,665,500	\$1,363,457,100

RECAPITULATION OF EXEMPT PROPERTY, WARDS 1 TO 22	Area	VALUATION			TANGIBLES ABC Returns
		Land (Ex- clusive of Buildings)	Buildings (Ex- clusive of Land)	Total of Each Parcel of Real Estate	
Ward 1	.	122,969,918	\$48,768,400	\$105,267,400	\$41,542 37
Ward 2	.	13,366,107	20,215,800	47,644,900	150,458 20
Ward 3	.	8,276,145	51,795,200	116,576,900	3,425,144 37
Ward 4	.	10,326,081	22,012,900	79,257,500	20,033,686 73
Ward 5	.	12,851,479	82,682,000	102,118,200	3,508,074 96
Ward 6	.	27,290,717	27,840,400	74,848,600	3,764 28
Ward 7	.	11,526,168	3,995,200	15,717,200	3,650 00
Ward 8	.	6,407,791	5,561,300	29,676,500	196,801 50
Ward 9	.	3,460,516	3,736,300	10,924,200	43,501 00
Ward 10	.	10,315,681	4,288,800	38,122,100	1,066,061 43
Ward 11	.	5,572,645	2,068,400	8,241,000	97,739 03
Ward 12	.	25,124,978	3,062,900	26,052,100	152,933 41
Ward 13	.	13,557,488	2,907,700	18,969,600	167,298 53
Ward 14	.	15,390,807	2,782,100	22,408,500	31,751 00
Ward 15	.	1,990,623	702,100	2,859,200	2,753 44
Ward 16	.	15,117,450	3,295,200	15,994,700	28,886 16
Ward 17	.	7,545,647	1,264,300	7,356,800	720,961 52
Ward 18	.	53,047,718	3,249,500	14,472,900	35,023 34
Ward 19	.	57,213,198	5,530,500	19,113,900	519,595 64
Ward 20	.	51,865,696	5,818,600	12,730,300	83,529 40
Ward 21	.	16,837,752	8,668,600	36,065,500	2,671,419 72
Ward 22	.	21,668,688	6,602,400	27,616,200	176,328 93
GRAND TOTAL	.	511,723,293	\$316,848,600	\$832,034,200	\$33,160,904 96

RECAPITULATION OF EXEMPT PROPERTY BY CLAUSES	Area	VALUATION			TANGIBLES ABC Returns
		Land (Ex- clusive of Buildings)	Buildings (Ex- clusive of Land)	Total of Each Parcel of Real Estate	
United States of America . . . . .	32,707,846	\$41,953,600	\$75,731,800	\$117,685,400	—
Commonwealth of Massachusetts . . . . .	173,429,386	95,279,400	88,232,300	183,511,700	—
Literary . . . . .	29,783,289	19,033,500	62,330,500	81,364,000	\$19,920,042 91
Benevolent . . . . .	36,132,294	8,089,600	52,597,800	60,687,400	10,455,863 63
Charitable . . . . .	6,970,256	4,073,600	22,175,000	26,248,600	1,943,188 18
Scientific . . . . .	594,763	704,800	884,800	1,589,600	230,000 00
Incorporated Temperance Society . . . . .	1,450	2,200	3,800	6,000	—
Incorporated Organization U.S. Veterans . . . . .	460,392	541,100	607,600	1,148,700	49,482 66
Religious Organizations . . . . .	213,126	252,900	611,100	864,000	72,200 00
Religious Worship (Churches) . . . . .	15,435,863	13,850,500	28,715,200	42,565,700	276,292 52
Cemeteries . . . . .	37,283,612	4,394,100	477,400	4,871,500	32,906 45
G. L. 160, Section 87, Railroads . . . . .	141,410	456,200	—	456,200	—
Special Clauses 7, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 . . . . .	7,078,898	2,379,800	972,100	3,351,900	180,928 61
City of Boston Schools . . . . .	12,332,443	6,234,400	50,377,600	56,612,000	—
City of Boston Fire . . . . .	935,608	834,900	3,140,900	3,975,800	—
City of Boston all others . . . . .	6,241,958	1,412,600	1,417,400	2,830,000	—
City of Boston Hall and Annex . . . . .	253,225	3,625,400	8,402,600	12,028,000	—
City of Boston Parks and Playgrounds . . . . .	95,631,134	87,601,700	6,438,500	94,040,200	—
City of Boston Libraries . . . . .	318,740	2,329,800	3,181,700	5,511,500	—
City of Boston Foreclosures . . . . .	13,859,283	2,424,100	908,200	3,332,300	—
City of Boston Housing Authority . . . . .	17,732,415	8,284,700	74,634,300	82,919,000	—
City of Boston Health . . . . .	389,840	659,000	1,743,500	2,402,500	—
City of Boston Hospitals . . . . .	2,952,532	1,026,300	10,731,900	11,758,200	—
City of Boston Institutions . . . . .	11,699,319	1,635,900	8,465,000	10,100,900	—
City of Boston Police . . . . .	297,134	830,400	2,969,000	3,799,400	—
City of Boston Printing . . . . .	18,830	94,200	265,800	360,000	—
City of Boston Public Buildings . . . . .	731,022	5,053,300	5,241,400	10,294,700	—
City of Boston P. W. D. . . . .	8,039,130	3,562,900	3,053,000	6,615,900	—
City of Boston Welfare . . . . .	58,095	227,700	875,400	1,103,100	—
GRAND TOTAL . . . . .	511,723,293	\$316,848,600	\$515,185,600	\$832,034,200	\$33,160,904 96



## AGGREGATES OF EXEMPT VALUATIONS

Real Estate Exempted from Taxation in Boston for the Years  
1955-1957 by Class of Exemption Shown in Tabulation

CLASS	Year 1957	Year 1956	Year 1955
United States of America.....	\$117,685,400	\$126,876,000	\$126,883,100
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.....	183,511,700	173,571,300	168,188,000
City of Boston.....	307,683,500	294,606,600	295,121,900
Houses of Religious Worship and Religious Organizations.....	42,565,700	42,339,900	41,948,300
All Others. (Includes Literary, Charitable, Benevolent Institutions, and all other property not separately listed.)....	180,587,900	170,934,700	165,661,500
Totals.....	\$832,034,200	\$808,328,500	\$797,802,800

Those public housing parcels listed in the name of United States of America are included in the "Aggregates of Exempt Property" in table listed "United States of America," and those assessed to "Boston Housing Authority" are listed in the table under "City of Boston".

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX

The motor vehicle excise tax was originally created by the passage of chapter 379 of the Acts of 1928, which law became effective as of January 1, 1929. This act provided that an excise tax should be assessed on all registered motor vehicles, in lieu of the local tax formerly assessed on this class of property. This law, which became chapter 60A of the General Laws, was amended April 23, 1930, by the passage of chapter 244 of the Acts of 1930, and further amended by Acts of 1938, chapter 480. Two recent amendments are contained in the Acts of 1950, chapters 666 and 731.

The tax is levied at an average state rate, and valuations at which these vehicles are assessed are determined by the State Tax Commissioner and forwarded to all assessors of the various cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. All valuations are therefore uniform.

The number of motor vehicles assessed in the year 1957 was 168,447, of which 58,808 were for the levy of 1956, committed in 1957. The total amount of the tax levied and warrants sent to the Collector-Treasurer was \$4,713,826.87, of which \$1,374,808.11 was for the

levy year of 1956. State rate for 1956 was \$54.43, and for 1957 was \$57.10.

### SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

#### *Street, Sewer and Sidewalk Assessments*

Under the operation of the existing laws the following amounts were added to the tax list and included in warrants sent to the Collector of Taxes:

Assessment under chapter 521, Acts of 1902, for "Laying Out and Construction of Highways and Sewerage Works Acts," for street construction, which were divided into ten equal parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	\$100,450 01
Assessment under chapter 450, Acts of 1889, as amended by chapter 371, Acts 1912, for "Laying Out and Construction of Highways and Sewerage Works Acts," for sewers, which were divided into ten* parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	24,761 88
Assessment under chapter 437, Acts of 1893, as amended by chapter 269, Acts of 1916, "In relation to Sidewalks," which were divided into five† parts, with interest, said interest being figured thirty days from date of commitment . . . . .	5,804 43
Total . . . . .	<u>\$131,016 32</u>
Assessment under chapter 248, Acts of 1935 (General Laws, chapter 40, sections 42A to 42D), of 1943 Water Liens, added to taxes . . . . .	646,396,47
Grand Total . . . . .	<u><u>\$777,412 79</u></u>

\* May now be apportioned over twenty years, on request.

† Apportionment is over ten years, on request.

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

The appropriation	\$663,950 00
The expenditures for the financial year for salaries, compensation of assistant assessors, clerk hire, books, stationery and incidentals are as follows:	
1. Personal Service	\$595,611 18
2. Contractual Services	44,710 09
3. Supplies and Materials	14,751 78
4. Current Charges, etc	1,235 70
5. Equipment	1,537 00
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	657,845 75
Balance unexpended	\$6,104 25
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. CHAPMAN, *Chairman,*  
*Assessor of Taxes,*

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*Associate Assessor,*

LAWRENCE J. MOORE.  
*Associate Assessor,*

*Board of Assessors of the City of Boston*

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*Head Administrative Clerk*

HENRY P. IRELAND, *Head Clerk*

NOTE:— By virtue of a City Ordinance, effective July 1, 1954, a Board of Review was created within the Assessing Department. The present members for 1957 are:

THOMAS A. FLAHERTY, *Chairman,*

HUNTINGTON W. FROTHINGHAM, *Member,*

EDWARD F. MULLEN, *Member,*

*Board of Review*

## ABATEMENTS

The amount of abatements on poll and motor vehicle assessments to December 31, 1957, was:

Polls	\$40,262 00
Motor Excise	333,269 11
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Total	\$373,531 11
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## AVERAGE OF ASSESSORS' VALUATION FOR THREE YEARS\*

In accordance with the requirements of section 4 of chapter 5 of the Revised Ordinances of 1914 and General Laws, chapter 44, section 10, a statement is herewith included of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the City of Boston for each of the preceding three years, the abatements thereon allowed previous to the thirty-first day of December preceding, and the average of such valuations reduced by such abatements.

Year	Valuations	Abatements
1955 . . . . .	\$1,630,967,700	\$103,436,813
1956 . . . . .	1,602,487,908	70,628,909
1957 . . . . .	1,575,624,163	19,063,221
Totals . . . . .	\$4,809,079,771	\$193,128,943
Less abatements . . . . .	193,128,943	
	<u>\$4,615,950,828</u>	

divided by 3 gives \$1,538,650,276 — average valuation for three years less abatements.

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\* Includes valuation of motor vehicles as provided by chapter 379, Acts of 1928, section 2 (chapter 60A), and as amended by chapter 244, section 3, Acts of 1930. The average valuation for Schools (excluding motor vehicles) was \$1,457,005,333.

# AVERAGE VALUATIONS USED, FINANCIAL YEARS 1917-18 TO 1957

Financial Year											Basis, Three Years
1917-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$1,568,290,365 69
1918-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,541,597,610 68
1919-20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,518,938,942 75
1920-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,490,343,142 57
1921-22	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,526,365,954 67
1922-23	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,557,388,410 46
1923-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,606,575,806 95
1924-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,651,200,431 88
1925-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,720,250,701 60
1926	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,780,945,466 16
1927	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,841,057,566 16
1928	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,882,009,566 67
1929	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,909,255,300 00
1930	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,948,731,046 00
1931	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,973,091,133 33
1932	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,984,506,400 00
1933	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,945,584,733 33
1934	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,843,744,900 00
1935	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,744,959,500 00
1936	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,675,264,600 00
1937	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,631,106,175 00
1938	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,598,902,763 00
1939	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,570,885,561 00
1940	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,543,610,935 00
1941	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,514,947,672 33
1942	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,481,586,003 00
1943	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,460,074,903 00
1944	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,438,927,624 00
1945	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,428,381,963 00
1946	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,436,571,039 00
1947	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,459,013,321 00
1948	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,471,948,589 00
1949	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,500,576,133 00
1950	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,538,774,760 00
1951	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,578,935,227 00
1952	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,583,733,737 00
1953	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,580,293,053 00
1954	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,569,133,815 00
1955	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,589,835,787 00
1956	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,566,764,348 00
1957	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,538,650,276 00

NOTE.—Commencing 1926 the financial year begins on January 1.

## NUMBER OF PROPERTY ITEMS ASSESSED

WARD					Real Estate	Personal Estate	Water
1	.	.	.	.	6,546	551	433
2	.	.	.	.	3,446	301	487
3	.	.	.	.	5,565	6,080	688
4	.	.	.	.	2,510	626	529
5	.	.	.	.	4,014	2,844	512
6	.	.	.	.	4,211	555	496
7	.	.	.	.	3,839	312	366
8	.	.	.	.	2,887	358	629
9	.	.	.	.	3,439	729	1,100
10	.	.	.	.	2,374	203	384
11	.	.	.	.	3,604	298	603
12	.	.	.	.	3,744	343	1,159
13	.	.	.	.	3,281	332	409
14	.	.	.	.	4,996	569	593
15	.	.	.	.	3,155	247	356
16	.	.	.	.	5,240	555	458
17	.	.	.	.	4,965	298	440
18	.	.	.	.	12,784	534	715
19	.	.	.	.	5,018	303	388
20	.	.	.	.	11,741	371	499
21	.	.	.	.	2,417	455	430
22	.	.	.	.	5,474	401	425
Totals . . .					105,250	17,265	12,089
Supplementary . .					29	14	—
Total . . .					105,279	17,279	12,089



LIST OF ASSESSORS — 1957

Board of Assessors

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THOMAS F. GAVIN, *Chief Personal Property Tax Division*  
JOHN A. SHARKEY, *Senior Appraisal Engineer*

Ward	Part	Books	Assistant Assessors	Ward	Part	Books	Assistant Assessors
1	1	1-2	Paul M. Finan	11	1	1-2	James J. Boyle
1	2	3-4	Milton Mannin	12	1	1-2	William T. Inch
2	1	1-2	Frederick T. Desmond	13	1	1-2	John Quincy
2	2	3	William P. Driscoll	14	1	1-2	Timothy J. Callahan
3	1	1	Edward F. Wallace	14	2	3-4	Willard F. O'Brien
3	2	2	John M. Lanning	15	1	1-2	Helen M. Sullivan
3	3	3	George A. Maloney	16	1	1-3	John C. Foran, Jr.
3	4	4	Frank H. Whelan	16	2	2-4	Leonard W. Dolan
3	5-6	5-6	George H. Mitchell	17	1	1-2	James J. Byrne
3	7-8	7-8	Warren Freeman, Jr.	17	2	3-4	John F. McCarthy
3	9	9	Adolph H. Brauneis	18	1	1-2	Robert T. Fowler, Jr.
3	10	10	James Farrell	18	2	3-4	John F. Driscoll
3	11	11	John M. MacHugh	18	3	5-6-7	James P. Buckley
4	1	1	William F. Morrissey	18	4	8-9	Edward J. Carroll
4	2	2	Maurice Joyce	19	1	1-2	Francis X. Cuddy
5	1	1	Frank A. Duggan	19	2	3-4	Edmund J. Burke
5	2	2	Norman S. Weinberg	20	1	1-2-3	Albert Soosman
5	3	3	Bernard F. Shadrawy	20	2	4-5	John T. Driscoll
6	1	1-2-3	Thomas P. O'Connor	20	3	6-7	George D. Leavitt
6	2	4-5	Emmet J. Kelly	20	4	8-9	John J. McColgan
7	1	1-2	Louis M. Gropman	21	1	1	Warren R. Moore
8	1	1-2	Harold L. Vaughan	21	2	2	John M. Corcoran
9	1	1	M. James Peters	22	1	1-2	Robert F. McGovern
9	2	2	John D. McLeod	22	2	3-4	John Riley, Jr.
10	1	1-2	John T. Finnegan				

TAXES ON PROPERTY — DISTRIBUTION OF TAX RATE

YEAR	Real Estate	Personal Estate	Total	RATE PER \$1,000					Total
				State	County	City	General Rate	School Rate	
1950 . . .	\$90,083,700 00	\$8,668,800 00	\$98,752,500 00	\$2 02	\$3 34	\$41 83	\$47 19	\$15 81	\$63 00
1951 . . .	90,004,131 04	8,639,596 96	98,643,728 00	1 67	3 89	40 41	45 97	16 83	62 80
1952 . . .	95,769,924 20	9,340,944 60	105,110,868 80	2 87	2 90	47 94	53 71	13 09	66 80
1953 . . .	100,972,849 18	9,719,737 02	110,692,586 20	3 49	3 04	51 67	58 20	12 50	70 70
1954 . . .	99,971,852 70	9,382,132 10	109,353,984 80	3 53	3 00	50 87	57 40	12 40	69 80
1955 . . .	98,371,785 42	9,224,914 58	107,596,700 00	2 82	2 91	48 98	54 71	15 09	69 80
1956 . . .	109,128,851 32	10,322,638 28	119,451,489 60	3 23	3 49	54 71	61 43	17 27	78 70
1957 . . .	117,257,310 60	11,034,909 40	128,292,220 00	6 56	4 33	55 48	66 37	19 63	86 00

## Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, 1929 to 1957

YEAR	Number of Motor Vehicles Assessed	Amount of Tax	Tax Rate
1929.....	128,453	\$1,619,366 88	\$29 65
1930.....	117,166	1,154,835 60	29 12
1931.....	112,228	903,360 22	29 25
1932.....	97,122	767,368 93	29 92
1933.....	89,789	628,922 09	31 55
1934.....	90,785	606,561 91	32 14
1935.....	95,107	660,326 21	33 06
1936.....	106,819	779,183 87	33 33
1937.....	111,782	900,576 04	34 62
1938.....	108,367	882,498 89	35 15
1939.....	114,189	914,089 49	35 90
1940.....	120,792	1,013,768 21	36 40
1941.....	128,342	1,211,379 84	36 80
1942.....	99,403	934,767 22	36 46
1943.....	87,369	603,744 70	36 33
1944.....	86,949	441,618 65	35 85
1945.....	89,459	355,486 51	35 60
1946.....	108,550	576,263 10	35 40
1947.....	124,143	1,148,879 91	36 23
1948.....	132,901	1,626,886 39	38 07
1949.....	147,604	2,248,090 78	41 32
1950.....	166,351	2,875,962 79	44 16
1951.....	171,469	3,330,635 28	46 85
1952.....	169,872	3,359,024 55	48 25
1953.....	179,236	3,723,396 69	50 42
1954.....	181,171	4,083,913 95	51 86
1955.....	195,894	4,935,600 15	53 37
1956.....	193,364	5,407,426 05	54 43
1957*.....	109,639	3,339,018 76	57 10

\* Commitments through registrations for January, only.



TABLE OF ABATEMENTS GRANTED — 1953-1957

YEAR OF LEVY	Tax Rate	MADE IN 1957		MADE IN 1956		MADE IN 1955		MADE IN 1954		MADE IN 1953	
		Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated	Tax Abated	Valuation Abated
1957.....	\$86 00	\$1,502,191 00	\$17,467,300	\$2,159,188 88	\$27,435,700	\$1,213,032 24	\$17,378,600	\$1,522,002 96	\$21,805,200	\$1,444,745 75	\$20,434,900
1956.....	78 70	2,989,560 39	37,986,800	3,253,311 19	46,609,100	3,389,897 39	48,565,800	4,033,397 75	57,049,200	3,385,795 72	50,685,600
1955.....	69 80	2,381,102 15	34,113,200	1,953,524 84	27,987,500	1,315,773 31	18,610,600	1,761,832 79	26,374,700	1,737,239 49	27,663,000
1954.....	69 80	2,106,739 71	30,182,500	1,333,846 47	18,968,100	1,318,494 97	19,738,000	1,051,122 99	16,737,600	1,442,874 80	22,902,800
1953.....	70 70	1,527,221 09	21,601,400	648,840 99	9,713,200	698,915 65	11,129,200	656,400 29	10,419,100	557,882 92	9,821,900
1952.....	66 80	1,268,294 04	18,986,500	343,720 66	5,473,300	466,050 36	7,397,600	557,882 92	9,821,900	121,747 90	2,279,900
1951.....	62 80	1,024,702 76	16,316,900	205,456 19	3,261,200	46,468 08	818,100	2,851 94	53,400	34,200 75	735,500
1950.....	63 00	1,077,141 55	17,097,500	675 80	11,900	22,563 40	422,500	281 58	—	25,157 36	599,000
1949.....	56 80	402,826 59	7,092,000	338 26	6,300	11,020 50	237,000	252 00	—	3,366 00	79,200
1948.....	53 40	240,409 92	4,502,000	5,298 77	114,000	4 20	—	183 54	*45,000	10,100 90	253,200
1947.....	46 50	186,037 20	4,000,800	79 80	—	4 25	—	258 30	—	41 00	—
1946.....	42 00	168,033 60	4,000,800	76 86	—	3 99	—	189 04	—	40 60	—
1945.....	42 50	170,034 00	4,000,800	15 96	—	4 10	—	178 20	—	39 90	—
1944.....	39 90	59,881 92	1,500,800	16 40	—	—	—	114 56	—	41 30	*14,100
1943.....	41 00	—	—	16 40	—	—	—	79 80	—	38 70	—
1942.....	41 00	135 30	3,300	16 40	—	—	—	82 60	—	38 00	—
1941.....	39 60	1,259 28	31,800	15 84	—	—	—	—	—	37 00	—
1940.....	40 60	1,169 28	28,800	16 24	—	—	—	—	—	18 55	—
1939.....	39 90	1,153 11	28,900	15 96	—	—	—	—	—	16 40	—
1938.....	41 30	1,193 57	28,900	16 52	—	—	—	—	—	17 75	—
1937.....	38 70	1,389 33	35,900	15 48	*12,800	—	*2,800	—	—	9 45	—
1936.....	38 00	1,364 20	35,900	—	—	—	—	—	—	9 24	—
1935.....	37 00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1934.....	37 10	33 39	900	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1933.....	32 80	42 64	1,300	29 52	—	16 95	—	—	—	—	—
1932.....	35 50	46 15	1,300	31 95	—	25 14	—	—	—	—	—
1931.....	31 50	10 10	300	28 35	—	28 40	—	—	—	—	—
1930.....	30 80	—	—	27 72	—	6 30	—	—	—	—	—
Totals..	.....	\$15,111,972 27	\$219,046,600	\$9,904,605 05	\$139,593,100	\$8,482,318 28	\$124,300,200	\$9,587,310 95	\$142,306,100	\$8,763,538 78	\$135,469,100

\*Valuation averaged.

NOTE.—Prior to 1842 taxes were assessed on a basis of 50 per cent of true value.  
Custom discontinued in 1842 and thereafter.

The city of Roxbury was annexed January 6, 1868.

Valuation real estate . . . . .	\$18,265,400
" personal estate . . . . .	8,286,300
" total . . . . .	<u>\$26,551,700</u> said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1868.

Population by state census of 1865 was 28,426.

The town of Dorchester was annexed January 3, 1870.

Valuation real estate . . . . .	\$12,826,200
" personal estate . . . . .	7,489,500
" total . . . . .	<u>\$20,315,700</u> said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1870.

Population by state census of 1865 was 10,717.

The city of Charlestown was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate . . . . .	\$26,016,100
" personal estate . . . . .	9,273,582
" total . . . . .	<u>\$35,289,682</u> said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.

Population by United States census of 1870 was 28,323.

The town of West Roxbury was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate . . . . .	\$16,254,350
" personal estate . . . . .	5,894,250
" total . . . . .	<u>\$22,148,600</u> said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.

Population by United States census of 1870 was 8,686.

The town of Brighton was annexed January 5, 1874.

Valuation real estate . . . . .	\$11,964,450
" personal estate . . . . .	2,584,081
" total . . . . .	<u>\$14,548,531</u> said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1874.

Population by United States census of 1870 was 4,967.

The town of Hyde Park was annexed January 1, 1912.

Valuation real estate . . . . .	\$13,088,575
" personal estate . . . . .	2,540,690
" total . . . . .	<u>\$15,629,265</u> said valuation

first taking effect as a part of Boston in 1912.

Number of polls, 4,130.

Population, United States census, 15,507.







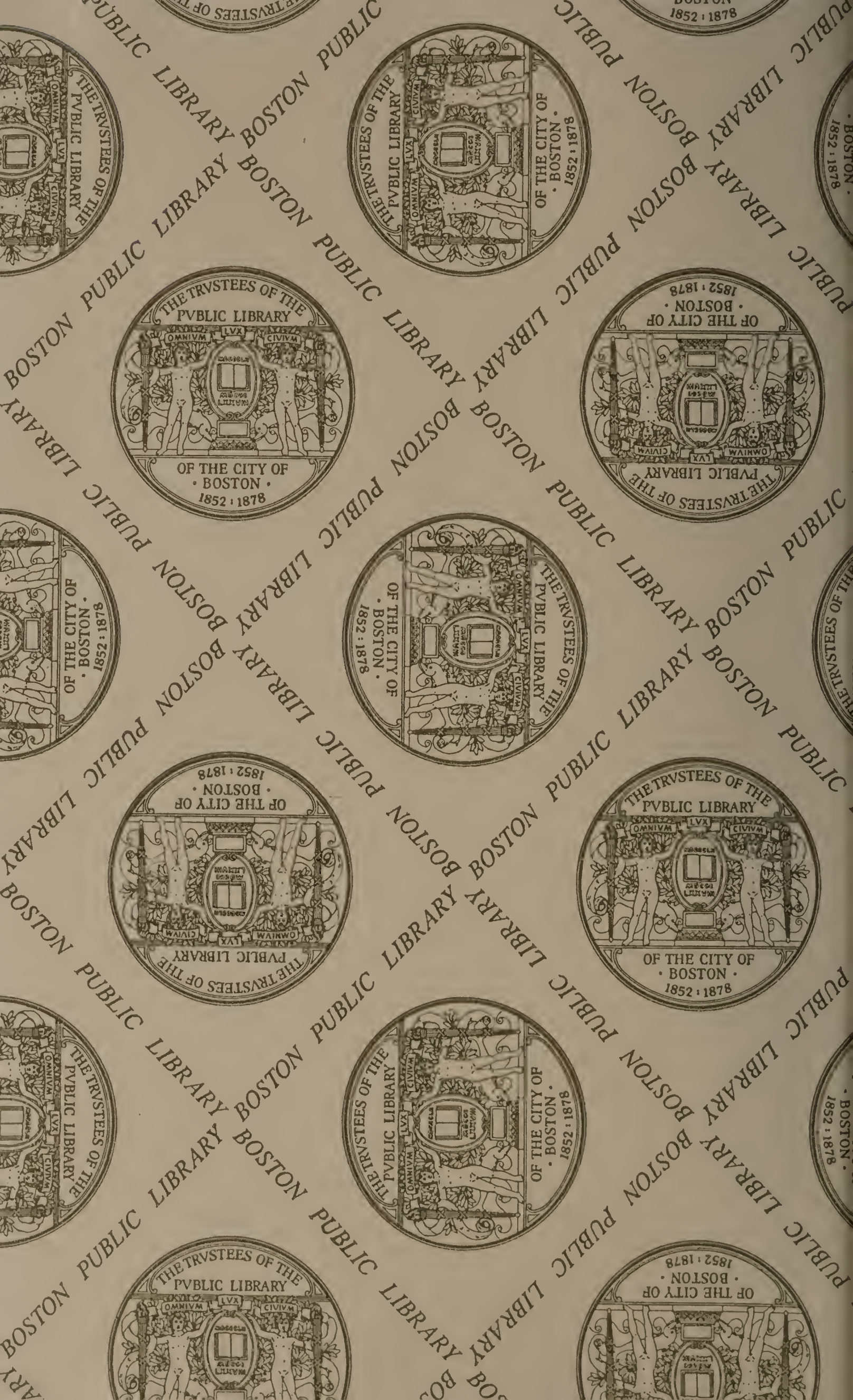
















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